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CRIMINAL LAW REFORM AND
CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY**

**Annual Report
2000 - 2001**



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FOREWORD

The dawning of a new century provides an opportunity for the International Centre to reflect on the past ten years of its existence and reaffirm its vision and objectives in order to meet the challenges of the future. The dynamics of globalization brings with it the need to ensure the pursuit of justice. For the Centre, this includes the continuing commitment to promote human rights, the adoption of principles of good governance and to foster the rule of law in a democratic environment. The Centre supports these goals through policy analysis and discussion, research and exchange of information and providing technical assistance to countries and citizens of the world. These activities are inspired by internationally recognized human rights principles, United Nations and other regional organizations declarations, standards and norms. As a Canadian based institution affiliated with the United Nations the Centre in its program of work also strives to reflect both domestic and foreign policy objectives.

The Centre has had another exceptionally productive year. As in the past we have undertaken our work in close collaboration with our stakeholders and partners. We have continued to support the work of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, particularly the Convention on Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols. In collaboration with the Network of Institutes, the Centre's Corrections program was very active in supporting the ongoing efforts to promote the implementation of United Nations standards and norms. The Centre during the past year, as part of its long term commitment to support global efforts to combat impunity and hold individuals accountable for war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity, has been involved in the major thrust to create a Permanent International Criminal Court. In the area of research and evaluation, the Centre completed a review on the progress of the implementation of the Violence against Women Convention (Belem do Para) for the Organization of American States. Another key research activity completed

was on the Growing of Marijuana Operations in British Columbia. Technical assistance to the law reformers in China continued in the area of criminal procedure reforms, access to legal aid services, Corrections, and assistance for preparations regarding the implementation of the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights.

This Annual Report and Programme of Work details the Centre's many other activities and includes an outline of the priorities for the next three to five years. It will serve as a compass to guide the Centre's ongoing and future work. Of special note is the Action Plan to be adopted at the United Nations Crime Commission this spring. The Centre's Plan of Action to be undertaken is to support the work of the United Nations and Canada in the implementation of the Vienna Declaration adopted by the General Assembly in November 2000. Another major thrust will be to assist in the implementation of the Protocols on Trafficking in Migrants especially Women and Children recently adopted by the United Nations. Further, the Centre is proposing to work closely with the United Nations Centre in Vienna and other partners on issues regarding the growth of transnational economic and cyber crime flowing from increased globalization in trade, communications and tourism, and the Protocol on Firearms.

As I close this chapter of seven years in my career as the Executive Director of the International Centre, I look back on the Centre's achievements with great pride and satisfaction. As I welcome, Ms Frances Gordon, the new Executive Director, to take the reins in her hands, I know that the success of our past, present and future work has been and will be due to the collective efforts of my past, present and future colleagues, our primary stakeholders who continue to believe in the concept and vision of the Centre and all those patrons and friends of the Centre who are convinced that it does a make difference to humanity in what we are seeking to accomplish in our own limited but focused way. Thank you to all.

Daniel C. Préfontaine QC

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OBJECTIVE

- I. To contribute to international criminal justice policy development through analysis, research and consultation.
- II. To provide technical assistance to implement international policy and standards.

PROGRAMME FOCUS

- I. International Criminal Law
- II. Protection of Human Rights through Criminal Law in National Systems
- III. Criminal Law Responses to Emerging Threats to Human Security

BACKGROUND

The International Centre was established in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada in 1991 at the initiative of the Canadian government. Its founding partners are the University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University and the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law. Affiliated with the United Nations it is one of two interregional institutes in the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme. The Centre's mission is to promote the rule of law, human rights, democracy and good governance. It fulfills its purpose by contributing to local, national and international efforts to support law reform initiatives and to improve the administration of criminal justice. The Centre, as outlined in the Canada - United Nations Agreement, supports and contributes to the policies, and activities of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, and assists with the achievement of Canadian Foreign Policy objectives.

The International Centre conducts research and policy analysis, undertakes the development and delivery of technical assistance programs and provides public information, consultation and education relating to the international field of criminal law, criminal justice policy and crime prevention issues. Further, the Centre facilitates the exchange of information and expertise to support the government of Canada in both its national and foreign policy objectives in the areas of crime prevention, criminal justice and human rights.

GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

A Board of Directors consisting of two representatives of the University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University and the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, and one representative each from the Department of Justice Canada, the Department of the Solicitor General Canada, the Ministry of the Attorney General of British Columbia, the Chief Executive Officer of the Centre, and ex-officio the Officer in Charge, United Nations Centre for International Crime Prevention governs the Centre. The Centre is managed by the Chief Executive Officer.

The Centre is supported in part from the endowment funds established by the British Columbia Law Foundation, the Ontario Law Foundation and the Vancouver Foundation. In addition, the Government of Canada through the Departments of Justice and Solicitor General, the Government of British Columbia through the Ministry of the Attorney General, the University of British Columbia and the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law provide financial assistance.

The International Centre's Annual Report and Programme of Work is approved annually by the Board of Directors and covers the fiscal year period of April 1 to March 31. The annual report describes the activities undertaken to the end of the fiscal year while the Programme of Work document contains projects in progress, projects under consideration/review, and programs/projects in the proposal stage. As most of the activities must be undertaken on a cost-recovery basis, there is some uncertainty as to whether or not sufficient funds will be available to carry out each of the proposed activities/projects. Full implementation of the approved program and all or any of its components is conditional upon the receipt of sufficient funding.

Aside from the full and/or part-time positions of the Executive Director, Corporate Secretary, Administrative Assistant and Accountant, other professional staff members are contracted as Programme Directors, Coordinators, Associates and Researchers of the Centre through separate project funds. Most of the Centre's programme initiatives are funded separately through project funding from development agencies, federal/provincial or international governments, organizations and foundations. The Centre also benefits from the volunteer services of a number of professionals, students, and visiting scholars and practitioners.

An external audit of the Centre's core and Programme activities is done on an annual basis to ensure that the Centre has operated in accordance with accepted Canadian standards and fulfilled its' reporting and audit responsibilities in accordance with the Guidelines of the Treasury Board of Canada and the British Columbia Societies

The following statement is a summary of the Centre's Financial Report for the fiscal year 2000 - 2001.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2000 - 2001

REVENUE

Core Revenue	180,485
Project Revenue	948,682

TOTAL: **\$ 1,129.167**

EXPENSES

Salaries & consulting fees	132,147
Office expenditures	23,015
Publications & Printing	8,251
Telecommunications	9,177
Travel	12,383
Conferences	3,278

PROJECTS

CIDA CHINA Crim Proc.	158,806
FORD CHINA Crim. Proc.	47,910
CIDA CHINA Int'l Human Rights	89,060
CSC Corrections Program	55,000
DoJ Professional Services	21,990
US Sec.State - Money Laundering-Asia Pac.	15,566
SEAFILD Thailand - Child Protection	7,000
OAS Belem do Para (VAW)	46,253
DFAIT ICC Manual	25,000
CIDA ICC Training sessions	328,550
OSI Infect. Diseases Prisons Comp.	9,241
DOJ ICC Program Support	85,000
DFAIT Firearms Tech Ass Workshop	41,959
Vanc.Fdn/DFAIT Lecture Series	9,581

TOTAL: **\$ 1,129,167**

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Representatives to the International Centre's Board of Directors are designated annually by its Corporate and Charter members. The Board of Directors play an integral role by establishing and implementing the purpose of the organization through policy governance; setting the rate of the progress that it will achieve its purpose through programme governance and financial and personnel management; confirming the organizations identity through advocacy/ambassadorial functions, and providing continuity.

The International Centre has benefited greatly from the dedication and leadership of its Board of Directors. As such International Centre would like to recognize and thanks its Board members for their on-going contributions.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

I INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW

- **Supporting the Creation of an International Criminal Court**

The International Centre continues to support the efforts to establish a permanent International Criminal Court (ICC). During 2000-01 the Centre completed the production of the *Manual for the Ratification and Implementation of the Rome Statute*, and successfully launched the English version at the June ICC Preparatory Commission meeting in June 2000. This was undertaken in collaboration with Rights & Democracy - the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development in Montreal, with the support of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Department of Justice Canada. The Manual has since been widely distributed in English and French to the United Nations member states and NGO's promoting the creation of the Court, and has been translated into Spanish, Portuguese, and Russian (an Arabic translation is underway). Participation in the work of the Preparatory Commission for the establishment of an International Criminal Court meetings during the year has allowed the Centre to undertake further research on the supplemental agreements to the 1998 Rome Statute under negotiation, resulting in several supplementary documents to the Manual. These include an "Overview of the Relationship Between the Rome Statute and the ICC's Rules of Procedure and Evidence", which was produced with the financial support of the Department of Justice, Canada.

In addition, a major thrust has been undertaken in organizing regional workshops to assist countries in the development of legislation and administrative procedures to support the ICC when it comes into existence. The International Criminal Court Technical Assistance Program is a joint partnership between the International Centre, Rights & Democracy - the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development, the Canadian Network for the International Criminal Court which is hosted by the World Federalists of Canada, and the Institute for Media, Policy and Civil Society. This component has been supported in part by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the Department of Justice, with in-kind contributions of expert personnel to each workshop by both the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Department of Justice. It will provide five regional workshops for the promotion of the establishment of the ICC through legal technical assistance, civil society collaboration and media awareness. During the 2000-2001 year, two workshops were held: one in the Pacific Islands region (Cook Islands/New Zealand, October 2000) and another for Francophone States of Central Africa (Cameroon, February 2001). Thus far, the three pillars (government, civil society and media) have combined to directly sensitize and provide training and assistance to approximately 200 delegates from 25 countries. Additional workshops are currently being organized for the

next fiscal year in the Caribbean region (Jamaica, May 2001), Southern African region (Namibia, May 2001), with a fifth region yet to be confirmed.

II PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGH CRIMINAL LAW IN NATIONAL SYSTEMS

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- **Restorative Justice**

At the Ninth Session of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (April 2000) a draft resolution entitled “Basic principles on the use of restorative justice programmes in criminal matters” was adopted. The resolution, which was introduced by Canada, calls for the Secretary general to seek comments from member states, as well as relevant intergovernmental and non governmental organizations, as well as the UN Network of Institutes, re the desirability and means of establishing common principles on the use of restorative justice programs. It also calls for the holding of an experts meeting to review the comments received, and to examine the possibility of developing an instrument such as a declaration of basic principles on the use of restorative justice programs in criminal matters. On the domestic front, the Centre has, in collaboration with the Canadian Criminal Justice Association conducted a preliminary meeting of key stakeholders and subsequently developed a draft proposal to hold a National (Canadian) event on Restorative Justice to be held in 2002.

- **Alternatives to Incarceration**

Overcrowding in prisons, is one of the most severe and critical challenges faced by correctional jurisdiction worldwide, particularly in developing countries. Through the provision of information, organization of meetings and seminars, and demonstration projects, the Centre will continue to promote of the use alternative measures and influence policy development aimed at encouraging rational sentencing policies and reducing unnecessary prison populations.

- **Marihuana Growing Operations**

On behalf of the Department of Justice Canada, Federal Prosecution Service, and the R.C.M.P., The Centre, in cooperation with the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice of the University College of The Fraser Valley, conducted a pilot study on *The Criminal Justice System's Response To Marihuana Growing Operations In British Columbia*. The study comprised an in-depth examination of the information contained in police files in three R.C.M.P. Detachments of the Lower Mainland of British Columbia. The preliminary study attempted, among other things, to better understand the

rapid proliferation of marihuana growing operations in British Columbia as well as the nature and impact of the criminal justice system's response to that phenomenon. Information gathered included data on: (1) the nature of the grow operations, over a three and a half year period (January 1997 to June 2000) in the three jurisdictions of the Lower Mainland: Mission, Richmond and Surrey; (2) the suspects involved; (3) the suspects' criminal history; and (4) the nature of the response of the criminal justice system in these cases including a comparative analysis of sentencing in such cases. The tentative findings of that preliminary study, given that they revealed the extent and growing nature of the problem of marihuana cultivation in British Columbia, pointed at the need for a more strategic approach in such cases on the part of law enforcement agencies.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- **Corrections**

The International Centre, with the financial support and assistance of the Correctional Service of Canada, continues to maintain an ongoing programme of work to promote correctional reform at the international level. Through this programme the Centre promotes the implementation of human rights standards and principles, as well as other United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice, as they relate to corrections and the treatment of offenders. Activities include the provision of technical assistance to policy development, information exchange and training. Resource mobilization to carry out these activities remains fundamental to the program. The highlights of the 2000-2001 Corrections Programme include:

- In May 2000, representatives from the International Centre (D. Préfontaine, Vincent Yang and B. Tkachuk) participated in a Seminar organized by the Shanghai Prison Society. The Seminar, attended by over 150 Chinese corrections and justice officials from Shanghai, provided an overview of corrections and conditional release in Canada and introduced basic concepts of offender classification and risk assessment.
- In September/October 2000 the Centre, with the support of the CSC and the NPB, hosted a delegation of six Chinese officials during a study tour of Corrections and Conditional Release in Canada. The study tour included numerous site/institutional visits, meetings with senior corrections and parole officials and several technical presentations and lectures. A press conference was held in conjunction with this visit.
- To further support the Corrections component of Centre's China Criminal Law and Justice Program, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be-

tween the China Prison Society and the International Centre was signed in October 2000. The MOU establishes the framework for future cooperation and joint activities.

- Completed compilation and writing of the China/Canada comparative corrections book as well as its translation into Mandarin. Publication of the book in Mandarin is scheduled for summer 2001.
- The “Chain Linked Project”, established with the initial support of the Centre, continues to successfully operate under the direction of the Netherlands Support to Public Prosecutions Project. The program demonstrates the benefit of a greater integration and co-ordination of roles, functions and activities of the various components of Uganda’s criminal justice system.
- In March 2001 the Centre, supported by a member of the CSC, conducted a Needs Assessment Mission of the Uganda Prison Service.
- Participated in the second International Training Course on the Living Conditions in Prisons and their Programs” for Latin America, held in San José, Costa Rica in July 2000.
- Completed the development of the draft model instrument on basic prison regulations and regulatory practices.
- Participated in the Tenth UN Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders which, through the efforts of the Centre and other UN Institutes, featured the issue of “Victims and Offenders - Fairness and Accountability in the Justice System as one of the four main conference themes.
- Collaboratively with the UN Networks of Institutes developed a proposal and received approval to organize and hold a one day workshop on worldwide prison conditions, and relevant issues, during the May 2001 Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna.
- Organized and facilitated four “corrections” related workshops during the 14th International Conference of the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, held in December 2000 in Sandton, South Africa.
- On behalf of the American Correctional Association mobilized the resources and initiated the development of a current practices compendium dealing with infectious diseases in prisons worldwide.

In addition to the specific activities outlined above the Centre, on an ongoing basis, provides information, education, and advisory services to a number of different audiences, including the general public, non-governmental organizations, government officials, criminal justice and law reform experts and professionals, experts from other areas of social and international development, students and other interested individuals.

- **China**

The China Programme is the first Sino-Canadian programme of cooperation in the area of criminal justice. Since 1995, the various projects of the China Programme have received financial support from the Canadian International Development Agency and from the Ford Foundation.

This multi-dimensional Program covers a variety of important subjects for the promotion of the rule of law and protection of human rights in criminal justice. Phase I of the Program, initially entitled "Canada/China Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Cooperation Program," started in 1995, and focused on assisting China's reform of the law of criminal procedure. Phase II, started in 1997, assists the implementation of China's new Law of Criminal Procedure, the development of a course of comparative prosecution for China's National Prosecutors College, improvement in substantive criminal law, combating international financial fraud and exchanges in corrections. During 1998 and March 2000, a separate two-year CIDA-bilateral China Legal Aid Project was implemented and completed. The Legal Aid project assisted with the development of the first national legal aid law and a legal aid system in China. In January 2000, a new CIDA-funded United Nations Human Rights Covenants Project was launched. The objective of the Project is to assist in the preparation for the ratification and implementation of the two United Nations human rights covenants in China, i.e., the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The continuing growth of the China Program has demonstrated Canada's commitment to an effective cooperation with China in promoting the rule of law, good governance and human rights.

During 2000-2001, the China Program continued to progress. Highlights of the activities for the year include:

- Exchange visits and meetings with Chinese prosecution services, correctional services, law schools and legal aid services were conducted;
- International seminars involving hundreds of Chinese legal professionals and law students were held for the discussion of topics on law reforms;
- Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation between the Centre and the China Prison Society for the undertaking of new projects in corrections;
- A jointly authored and edited book entitled Compendium of United Nations Documents on Human Rights and Criminal Justice (Chen Weiqiu, Vincent C. Yang and Yang Yuguan, 2000 (eds.). Beijing: China Fazhi Press. ISBN7-80083-758-0/D.725), including United Nations instruments, Chinese

and Canadian laws and papers, was published and distributed in China for the training and research in the field of international human rights;

- A jointly authored textbook entitled Chinese and Foreign Systems of Criminal Public Prosecution (V. C. Yang and M. Shan, 2000 (eds.). Beijing: Law Press. ISBN7-5036-3205-4/D.2924), covering the systems of prosecution in seven countries, was published and distributed in China for the training of Chinese prosecutors in comparative prosecution;
- A joint publication of a book The Correctional Systems in China and Canada, covering both the custodial and non-custodial corrections, was delivered to the publishing house in China (forthcoming in summer 2001);
- Research continued for the publication of a comparative book on criminal procedure and a comparative book on the use of punishment in line with international standards.

In addition to these results, the Director of the China Program acted as an individual expert in several other activities, including the joint publication of a book entitled Essentials of Foreign Criminal Procedure (Jiang Li Hua and Vincent C. Yang, 2000 (eds.). Beijing: Law Press. ISBN7-5036-3232-1/D.2951). Finally, through participation in the February and upcoming conferences the Centre has begun the process of support and co-operation with the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights in the OHCHR-China Human Rights Initiative.

- **Money Laundering: Asia Pacific**

The Centre's project on money laundering in the Asia Pacific aims to promote and facilitate effective co-operation between jurisdictions in the Asia Pacific in combating transnational organized crime through legislative and enforcement action against the laundering of proceeds of crime. The United States Department of State, the Department of Justice Canada, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Department of the Solicitor General of Canada support the project.

In October 2000, the Centre organized a small meeting of potential partners in Vancouver to consider the feasibility of holding a workshop on technical assistance and training on mutual legal assistance in the Asia Pacific Region. The Centre also participated in a *Pacific Regional Crime and Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Strategy Workshop* on February 13-15, Wellington, New Zealand), at which representatives from several donor and executing organizations active in the region reiterated the need for training activities on mutual legal assistance for prosecutors as well as law enforcement. They welcomed the idea of addressing some of the training needs of jurisdictions in the Pacific as a matter of priority through the joint effort of

organizations such as the International Centre, the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP), the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering Secretariat (APG) and national government agencies from Canada, the United States, Australia, and New Zealand. The Centre has submitted a proposal for funding and is currently awaiting responses. It is hoped that the workshop will be held immediately after the Pacific Islands Law Officers Meeting in October 2001.

- **Thailand:**

The on-going, *Thailand Child Abuse Investigation and Care* was completed during the 2000-01 year. The project was a multi-disciplinary, integrated services one that dealt with the treatment and protection of children as victims and witnesses within the Thai judicial system. Police, social workers, medical staff, prosecutors and teachers were trained to assist children during the judicial process. Successful completion of the project is expected to produce an effective model that is intended for replication throughout Thailand and possible other Asian countries.

- **Protection of Children - Model Guidelines**

Model guidelines for the effective prosecution of crimes against children were developed in co-operation with the International Association of Prosecutors and the financial assistance of the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law. A revised draft of the model guidelines was distributed at the 10th United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders as well as the 9th annual United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna in April, 2001.

The Centre continued this program of work with a Phase II Technical Assistance / Implementation and Training development phase. The Centre, in collaboration with the International Association of Prosecutors and other partners began the preliminary steps to organize a workshop on the distribution and use of the Model Guidelines for the effective prosecution of crimes against children. The Centre is conducting research, developing materials, developing a program for the workshop, and undertaking the preliminary organization of the workshop.

- **Internet Crime**

The International Centre assisted the program committee of the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice (CIAJ) in the planning of the CIAJ Annual conference, held in Victoria, BC., October 12-14, 2000. The Conference theme was "Science, Truth and Justice" with a full session dedicated to criminal law issues involving the Internet.

MONITORING AND ASSISTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS INSTRUMENTS

- **Review of the Belem do Para Convention - OAS**

The International Centre, in cooperation with the United Nations Latin American Institute for Crime Prevention and the Treatment of Offenders (ILANUD) and the Commission of Women (CIM), Organization of American States (OAS), has completed a review of the implementation of the *Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence Against Women (Belém do Pará Convention, 1994)*. The purpose of this project was to review the progress made in implementing the Convention of Belém do Pará, in selected countries in the Americas, during the five years following its adoption by the OAS General Assembly. The review refers to both the specific provisions of the Convention as well as the model crime prevention and criminal justice strategies, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, to eliminate violence against women. The Centre presented the preliminary findings of the Review at the Biennial Assembly of Delegates of the Commission of Women in November 2000. Subsequently the individual and regional reports have served as a basis for consultation at a series of regional workshops organized by the Commission of Women beginning in Uruguay. Several national and inter-regional reports have also been completed (see list of publications).

Other

As an interregional UN institute, the Centre will continue to respond, where possible, to the on-going requests for technical assistance as they meet the priorities of Canada and the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme.

III CRIMINAL LAW RESPONSES TO EMERGING THREATS TO HUMAN SECURITY

The Centre attended and participated in the 10th United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders which adopted the “Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century” as part of its report to the 9th UN Commission. The Commission, including Canada, expressed full support for the Vienna Declaration on Crime. The Vienna Declaration identifies a number of priority areas for the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. Discussions occurred during the year with the Vienna office on how best to collaborate and address these priority issues. As a result the Centre has begun developing proposals for programmes of work focussing on the Convention Against Transnational Orga-

nized Crime, Economic and Commercial Crimes, and Trafficking: Human Beings.

- **High-Tech Economic And Commercial Crime**

The Centre has begun working on a proposal for a programme of work in economic and commercial crime both within Canada and internationally. Under the leadership of the International Centre the proposed program will address research and action priorities of interest to State governments, especially Canada as well as the United Nations. Both the refinement of the proposal and the achievement of the program of work will involve close partnerships with a variety of representatives of the public and private sectors.

The proposed program will contribute to the Canadian Government's initiative to combat illegal and offensive material on the internet and will contribute to the commitment to develop action-oriented policy recommendations on the prevention and control of computer related Crime¹ It will also contribute to the commitment to enhance domestic and international abilities to prevent, investigate and prosecute high technology and computer-related crime²

- **Trafficking: Human Beings**

The Centre participated in the development and delivery of a two-day workshop on women in the criminal justice system as part of the 10th United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime (in Vienna, in April 2000). The Centre presented a paper on *Implementing International Standards in the Fields of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to Eliminate Violence Against Women*.

In December 2000, following the signing conference in Palermo, Italy, the new Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime and Protocols thereto became open for signature by Member States. The International Centre has since begun the development of a program of work to assist countries from the Asia Pacific Region to implement the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Air and Sea, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially

¹ Vienna Declaration, para.18. See also General Assembly Resolution 55/63, of 4 December 2000, taking note of the value of measures to combat the criminal misuse of information technologies.

² Vienna Declaration, para.18. See also General Assembly Resolution 55/63.

Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

- **Small Arms, Ottawa Group**

The Centre participated at a meeting of the “Ottawa Group”, an international group of advisors on small arms to the Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. The meeting was held in Brussels on 5-9 November 2000 at the Headquarters of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization). The Ottawa Group met to establish the issues to be addressed under the subject of SALW (Small Arms and Light Weapons) and non-state actors, thereby providing the way to new and innovative approaches to methods of control and elimination. While looking at the relationship between non-state actors and SALW, the group concentrated on the complexity of the issue of access to weapons by both state and non-state actors. This issue gave rise to various questions concerning the definition of non-state actors, the creation of international norms to deal with the transfer of weapons to international human rights violators, and the potential effects of the transfer of weapons being used as a foreign policy tool.

IV PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND INFORMATION:

The Centre continued to bring an international perspective to its local, regional and national partners on matters and priorities related to crime prevention, criminal justice and human rights. In particular the Centre continued to deliver an International Lecture Series promoting the exchange of information on criminal law reform and criminal justice policy. The Centre also continued to organize and participate in annual UN Commission meetings, and experts meetings and seminars as related to the identified priorities of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Program and the Canadian Governments national and foreign policy objectives in the areas of crime prevention, criminal justice and human rights.

V INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Lecture Series

As part of its annual Lecture series the Centre arranged for two lectures to be given by Prof. Julian Roberts, during the week of September 25th, 2000. Prof. Roberts discussed the origin, purpose and problems of conditional sentencing. Legal developments and em-

pirical research were also explored. Evaluating the likely future direction of conditional sentencing in Canada concluded the presentation. .

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Other

The on-going responsibilities, events and activities of the Centre function independently of its programs and projects. As an interregional institute of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, the Centre acts as a link to the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, the network of institutes as well as a number of other international bodies. The Centre continued to carry out a number of activities and commitments on an annual basis, including:

- Assisting and responding to requests for technical assistance
- Conducting research
- Supporting and contributing to the annual meetings of the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- Participating in the meetings of the institutes comprising the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme as well as the Ad Hoc Committees of the Commission.
- Coordinating annually the Southwestern University School of Law Summer Law Program
- Developing a Visiting Fellows Program
- Maintaining an on-going visiting scholars and researchers program
- Project/program development and proposal writing
- Program/project management, including assisting with project implementation and on-going activities
- Supporting and contributing to the annual conferences of the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law and the International Association of Prosecutors

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ICCLR & CJP - LIST OF FREQUENTLY USED ACRONYMS

AIC	Australian Institute of Criminology
BC CJA	British Columbia Criminal Justice Association
CCJA	Canadian Criminal Justice Association
CICP	United Nations Centre for International Crime Prevention - Vienna
CIDA	The Canadian International Development Agency
CIVPOL	Civilian Police Personnel
CCFPD	Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development
CNICC	Canadian Network for an International Criminal Court
CPCJD	Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division, United Nations at Vienna
CSC	The Correctional Service of Canada
DFAIT	Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Canada
DOJ	Department of Justice Canada
FOCAL	Canadian Foundation for the Americas
HEUNI	European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations
ICHRDD	International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development (now R&D)
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICPA	International Corrections and Prisons Association
ICPC	International Centre for the Prevention of Crime - Montreal
IIR	Institute of International Relations, University of British Columbia
ILANUD	United Nations Latin American Institute for Crime Prevention and the Treatment of Offenders
IMPACS	The Institute for Media, Policy and Civil Society
ISCLR	International Society for Criminal Law Reform
ISISC	International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences
ISPAC	International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme
MSG	The Ministry of the Solicitor General of Canada
NAASS	Naif Arab Academy for Security Studies
NIJ	National Institute of Justice, USA
NPB	National Parole Board of Canada
ECOSOC	United Nations Economic and Social Council
OAS	Organization of American States
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
ODCCP	Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention - United Nations Vienna office
PRI	Penal Reform International
RCCL	Research Centre of Criminal Law, The China University of Political Science and Law
R. & D.	Research and Development Institute (initially known as ICHRDD) - Montreal
SFU	Simon Fraser University
SOL GEN	Department of Solicitor General of Canada
TACJ	Technical Assistance in the Field of Criminal Justice

TNOC	Transnational Organized Crime
UBC	University of British Columbia
UCFV	University College of The Fraser Valley
UNAFEI	United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Japan
UNAFRI	United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Kampala, Uganda
UNDCP	United Nations International Drug Control Programme
UNICRI	United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute - Turin, Italy
WFM	World Federalist Movement