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# **INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR CRIMINAL LAW REFORM AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY**

**Annual Report 2006 - 2007  
&  
Programme of Work 2007 – 2008**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT 2006 – 2007**

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The International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy is an independent, international institute based in Vancouver, Canada and officially affiliated with the United Nations under a formal agreement between the government of Canada and the UN. The Centre was founded in 1991 as a result of an initiative by the Government of Canada, the University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law and the Ministry of the Attorney General of British Columbia.

The mandate of the Centre is to promote human rights, the rule of law, democracy and good governance. The values, under which the Centre and all of its programs operate include: respect for human dignity, justice, the Rule of Law, fairness, equity, public participation in decision making and institutional accountability. The Centre's mission is one which emphasizes the role of criminal law and the importance of criminal law reform as an essential means to defend these values and give them a practical expression in the face of the challenges with which national and transnational crimes continue to confront people of all countries. This basic premise by which the Centre operates is, as recognized and stressed by the United Nations, that a fair, responsible, ethical and efficient criminal justice system is at the very core of economic and social development and of human security.

To fulfill its mandate, the Centre co-operates closely with other members of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Network of Institutes, as well as Federal and Provincial governments. The *Centre* is incorporated under the BC Societies Act and is registered as a charitable, non-profit institution in both Canada and the United States.

## MISSION

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The *Centre's* mission is to promote the rule of law, human rights, human safety, democratic principles and good governance. We fulfill this 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, contributes to the policies and activities of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, and supports Canadian Foreign Policy priorities.

## FOCUS

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The *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 fields of criminal law, criminal justice policy, human safety, human rights, restorative justice and crime prevention issues. Further, the *Centre* facilitates the exchange of information and expertise to support the government of British Columbia and the government of Canada in both its national and foreign policy objectives in the areas of crime prevention, criminal justice and human rights.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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The *Centre* is a collaborative organization dedicated to the advancement of the principles of International Criminal Law as it applies to Human Rights and the Rule of Law; we believe that the capacity and desire for progress is shared among governments, nations and citizens; these principles guide our national and international work to:

- create the essential mechanisms for collaboration against common problems;
- provide a framework for inter-State cooperation and coordination to respond to the new forms and trans-national aspects and dimensions of crime & terror, including restorative justice, and the protection of women and children victims;
- build information exchanges regarding the implementation and effectiveness of the UN norms and standards in crime prevention and criminal justice;
- provide means of assistance, particularly to developing countries, for more effective crime prevention, and more humane justice and corrections;

- assess and support both National/Domestic and Foreign Policy priorities of Canada.

2006 – 2007 was a year marked by numerous important accomplishments at the *Centre*. The following outcomes will provide a snapshot of our key projects and deliverables from the past year, and will establish a platform for our 2007-2008 Proposed Programme of Work.

## **GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

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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 Public Safety Canada, the Ministry of the Attorney General of British Columbia, Foreign Affairs Canada, 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 under the direction and supervision of a 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 Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, 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 *Centre's* Programme of Work was presented and approved by the Board of Directors for fiscal year period of April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004. This narrative report outlines the activities, achievement and accomplishments of the *Centre* as planned in the Program of Work for 2005-2006. The *Centre* makes arrangements annually for an external audit to ensure that the *Centre* has fulfilled its reporting and audit responsibilities in accordance with the Guidelines of the Treasury Board of Canada and the British Columbia Societies Act.

## **FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2006 - 2007**

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### **REVENUE**

Core Revenue	362,806	
Project Revenue	1,410,690	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 1,773,496</b>

### **EXPENSES**

Salaries & Consulting fees	230,590
Office expenditures	71,450
Publication & Printing	6,238
Telecommunications	7,997
Travel	22,761
Conferences	770

### **PROJECTS**

Canada-China Procuratorate Reform Coop	225,000
China - International Standards	786,996
International Corrections Programme	55,000
TOC Self Assess., & Reporting Guidelines	48,423
International Criminal Court - China	69,890
Community Protection - Release of Offenders	72,690
Crime Prevention and Social Reintegration of Offenders	14,580
Sudan - Corrections	11,600
Anti Terrorism Manual Experts Meeting	39,600
UN CAC and UN TOC Experts Meeting	70,645
Southwestern Summer Law School	7,000
DFAIT/Vanc. Fdn. Int'l Lecture Series	9,266

<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 1,773,496</b>
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\*\*\*Estimated summary only – for full details please see the 2006-2007 Audited Financial Statement.

## PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS 2006 - 2007

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### IMPLEMENTING INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN CHINA PROGRAMME

This program targets promoting and strengthening the rule of law, human rights and good governance in China through the reform and/or improvement of criminal procedure, substantive criminal law and the administration of criminal justice in accordance with well established international standards. The programme is delivered in partnership with 3 organizations in China: The Centre for Criminal Law and Justice at the China University of Political Science and Law, the Research Centre of Criminal Jurisprudence at Beijing Normal University and the China Prison Society.

2006 2007 saw the programme continue to succeed through a series of several Chinese study tour delegations, workshops, research and conferences. Most of these events were successfully facilitated by the *Centre*, with input from our expert colleagues from the Department of Justice, the RCMP, the BC Attorney General's office and Corrections Canada. Of particular note was the jointly organized *China-Canada Symposium on the Reform of Criminal Justice* which took place June 1-2, 2006 in Beijing. The event brought together Chinese and Canadian executing agencies, all which are currently contributing to criminal procedure reform, criminal law reform, improving trial and pre-trial practices, along with combating corruption, through separate and distinct projects within China funded by the Canadian International Development Agency. The event facilitated collaborative and productive dialogue between the executing agencies through informal information exchanges, presentation forums and discussion panels. The primary issues explored were:

- Criminal Evidence: key issues and challenges;
- Anti-Corruption: international conventions and treaties on corruption; and,
- Pre-Trial and Trial Procedures: protecting the rights of the accused within the criminal justice system.

### CANADA CHINA PROCURATORATE REFORM COOPERATION PROJECT

The objective of the Project is to provide Canadian expertise to support the Supreme Peoples Procuratorate (SPP) in implementing their reform agenda, which will take place over four years (2003 -2007). The project supports the SPP's reform program by enhancing the prosecution profession's ability to more effectively:

- Understand and exercise its constitutional and professional role in protecting citizen's rights;
- Implement and enforce due process in the criminal prosecution system, as well as to develop & implement new law and policies; and
- Carry out prosecutorial, legal and professional responsibilities.



2006 – 2007 was a productive and successful year for the programme. In addition to the primary activities including study tours, lectures and visiting scholars, the programme successfully conducted a Mid-term Review. Activities included a Conference for the International Association of Anti Corruption Authorities; a Workshop on Prosecuting Cases Involving Vulnerable Groups in Hebei Province in December 2006; Lectures and exchanges with the National Prosecutors College; a visiting scholars programme; a Conference on Human Trafficking in Vancouver, February, 2007; several workshops, and the jointly organized *China-Canada Symposium on the Reform of Criminal Justice* which took place June 1-2, 2006 in Beijing

### PROMOTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT IN CHINA

The *Centre* with support from the Government of Canada, delivered a joint programme on the International Criminal Court. The programme was a joint effort with the Research Centre of Criminal Jurisprudence, Beijing Normal University. The objectives of the programme were to deliver a programme of work involving: research, awareness raising activities, regional seminars and in particular an international workshop(s) that would respond to and address issues of concern / priority as identified by the Government of China.

### CORRECTIONS PROGRAMME

Since its establishment, the *Centre* has been involved in a collaborative programme of work with the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) to promote correctional reform at the international level. Through this program the Centre promotes the implementation of human rights standards and principles, as well as other UN standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice, as they relate to corrections and the treatment of offenders. The National Parole Board is a regular contributor to the Corrections Programme. Activities in 2006-2007 included the initiation of preliminary organizational steps with a partner institute located in Kampala, Uganda to provide technical workshops on probation and parole in 2007 in Uganda, Kenya and Zambia; in cooperation with the BC Association of Chiefs of Police and the Pacific Region National Joint Committee, coordinated an experts meeting in relation to the safe return of high risk offenders to the community, CSC, PSEP & the BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General supported this activity; oversaw and coordinated the completion of a 14 chapter draft text entitled **Risk Assessment & Risk Management: A Canadian Criminal Justice Perspective** completed as part of the Implementing International Standards in Criminal Justice in China Programme; conducted lectures and cooperative exchange programmes in China addressing issues relating to prison management, institutional programs, inmate discipline, conditional release and high risk offender management; initiated the preliminary steps in the proposed programme to undertake an international review of processes and practices in relation to the suspension, revocation and recall of offenders in the community on conditional release; presented at various international forums such as APAI, ICPA, ISRCL and to AIC; and, contributed

to the ICCLR/UNODC response for technical assistance to senior prison managers in Southern Sudan.

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT

Representatives of the *Centre* participated in the experts meetings and contributed to the development of the Criminal Justice Assessment Toolkit. The Toolkit from the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, completed in cooperation with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, is a practical guide intended for use by those charged with the assessment of criminal justice systems and the implementation of criminal justice reform. The Toolkit will be adapted and enhanced on an ongoing basis.

### IDENTIFYING ELEMENTS OF A MECHANISM TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION AND THE UN CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME AND ITS PROTOCOLS

The *Centre* with funding support from Canada assisted the UNODC with the development of a Guide to the Legislative Reforms required to bring national legislation into compliance with the requirements of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. The Centre continues to support UNODC and Canada on the effective use of the TOC Convention by assisting with developing a set of reporting guidelines for consideration by the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on Transnational Organized Crime to facilitate the establishment of a knowledge-based approach to the work of the Conference, the provision of technical assistance to requesting States parties, and the overall implementation of the Convention across the world

In March 2007 The *Centre* helped organize an experts meeting that focused on identifying elements of a proposed mechanism to review the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption and the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols.

### GLOBAL PROGRAMME AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

With the support of the Government of Canada and in cooperation with the UNODC, the *Centre* has initiated a project to develop a set of reporting guidelines for consideration by the Conference of States Parties to the TOC Convention. The aim is to facilitate the establishment of a knowledge-based approach to the work of the Conference, the provision of technical assistance to requesting states parties, and the overall implementation of the Convention across the world.

A Meeting of Experts, which was held in Vancouver on March 9-11, 2007, considered decision 3/1 of the Conference of States Parties (Decision 3/1) which requested the secretariat, in developing a sample format for the voluntary provision of supplemental information on the implementation of UNTOC, to explore all possibilities of using

modern information technology In response to the request of the UN Secretariat to the Conference of Parties the March 2007 expert meeting was designed to identify elements of a mechanism to review the implementation of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols and the UN Convention against Corruption. It was noted in discussions with the UN Secretariat that there must be coordination and cooperation between the Conference of States Parties (UNTOC) and the Conference of States Parties (UNCAC) despite the differences in mandates. In keeping in mind the current questionnaire / check list fatigue that exists, as well as the lack of good reporting information it was proposed that the experts meeting reviewing the reporting and evaluation mechanisms of both conventions be held simultaneously. These two conventions and processes cannot be designed and delivered in isolation, as such we must recognize some complementarity and for reasons of efficiency, use the experts meeting to advance both processes in a manner that is most practical and efficient for member states and in order to ensure they achieve a maximum benefit from meeting the reporting obligations. The Expert group reviewed issues that also arose in the context of the implementation of both conventions. Various methods of reporting were examined and discussed by the Expert Group in the light of the discussion that took place and the decisions that were made at the most recent session of the Conference of States Parties to the UNCAC.

### LINKING GLOBAL, NATIONAL AND LOCAL ACTION AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

The *Centre* was invited twice to testify before the Standing Committee on Status of Women. The Committee is studying the question of human trafficking and is expected to release its report in the coming few months. The Centre has also been engaged in discussions with the RCMP (Pacific Region) about a possible demonstration project on developing a database on human trafficking in British Columbia, with the participation of law enforcement agencies and NGOs. A second version of the Law Enforcement Handbook on Human Trafficking is being developed in cooperation with the National Centre on Human Trafficking (RCMP, Headquarters).

The *Centre* made a presentation on “Linking Global, National and Local Action against Trafficking in Persons”, and chaired a panel discussion on “Trafficking in Human Beings – Global Trends, Local Practices”, at the World Urban Forum III – Vancouver, June 20, 2006.

The *Toolkit to Combat Trafficking in Persons* which had been drafted by members of ICCLR was just published and release by the Global Programme Against Trafficking in Human Beings, Office on Drugs and Crime. New York: United Nations, 2006.

The *Centre* has also developed a proposal, in partnership with the IOM and ILANUD, for a project on legal reform and the training of prosecutors/law enforcement officials in Central America on measures to combat human trafficking. The proposal has been submitted for funding to the Human Security Fund (DFAIT).

## ASSISTING THE PROCESS OF PRISON REFORM IN SOUTHERN SUDAN: BUILDING LEADERSHIP CAPACITY WITHIN THE PRISON SERVICE AND ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF VULNERABLE GROUPS OF PRISONERS

The *Centre* worked closely with the UNODC's Rule of Law section to design a training curriculum and manual for use in a Training Programme for Senior Prison Managers, in Juba, South Sudan in February 2007. The programme was the first step in a proposed longer term programme that is designed to complement the activities of other agencies. It is being designed to reinforce the current efforts and to assist with the likelihood of success of the GoSS to rebuild the correctional system in accordance with UN human rights standards and as part of its broader commitment to strengthen the rule of law in the country. The overall objectives of the project will build upon the successful first initiative, delivered in partnership with UNODC, UNMIS, ICCLR and GoSS to assist the process of prison reform by:

- Building the capacity of prison management to lead the process of prison reform; and,
- Improving the capacity of the department to respond more effectively to vulnerable groups in prison.

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON UNITED NATIONS STANDARDS AND NORMS IN CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The ICCLR participated in two expert group meetings (one in Ottawa and one in Vienna) to assist in the development of a questionnaire on standards and norms related to victims of crime and abuses of power. The questionnaire will be considered by member States during the coming session, April 2007 of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

## 15TH UN COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP: " MAXIMIZING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY MEMBER STATES IN CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE. KEY COMPONENTS FOR EFFECTIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE"

The *Centre*, in cooperation with the United Nations Programme Network of Institutes, organized a practical workshop for the annual UN Crime Commission meeting. The focus was on maximizing the effectiveness of technical assistance in crime prevention and criminal justice. A background paper was produced and will be included in the publication of papers and presentations from the Workshop. The publication will be distributed at the 16<sup>th</sup> UN Crime Commission meeting scheduled for April 2007.

In addition the *Centre* cooperated with UNODC, DPKO, and the Commission of the European Union to deliver a workshop that in a practical way assisted with engaging representatives in the thematic discussion on "Maximizing the effectiveness of technical assistance provided to Member States in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice".

## INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTORIAL COOPERATION

The *Centre*, along with the University College of the Fraser Valley, and Simon Fraser University (School of Criminology) organized a half-day colloquium on international law enforcement and prosecutorial cooperation and transnational crime. The event was held in Vancouver in November 2006 and involved experts and representatives from the local criminal justice community, the USA, Netherlands and Korea.

A paper was also prepared and presented at the 2006 ASC annual meeting in Los Angeles: DANDURAND, Y., GRIFFITHS, C.T., CHIN, V., and D. MURDOCH (2006). "Assessing the Need for Police Reform in the Context of Good Governance and International Cooperation".

## UN ANTI TERRORISM EXPERTS MEETING

The Meeting of the Group of Experts for the Establishment of a United Nations Manual on International Judicial Cooperation against Terrorism took place May 8-10, 2006 at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. The event was hosted by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and supported by the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy (ICCLR).

## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE INITIATIVES AND HANDBOOK

With the support of the Canadian government and the UNODC, the *Centre* continued to support and advance restorative justice by cooperating with the UNODC in the development of a Handbook on Restorative Justice Programmes. This handbook is one of a series of practical tools to support countries in the implementation of the rule of law and the development of criminal justice reform. It introduces the reader to restorative justice programmes and processes.

## VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

The *Centre* welcomed Mr. Seung-Joon You, a deputy prosecutor of the Seoul Southern District Prosecutor's office, Republic of Korea. Mr. You was the 2006 visiting scholar at the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy. In addition to engaging in activities of the Centre and the local criminal justice community his research focused on victim/offender reconciliation and restorative justice. A final research product on the prospect of restorative justice in Korea will be completed early in the 2007 fiscal year.

## **PROGRAMME OF WORK 2007-2008**

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The following Proposed Programme of Work for 2007- 2008 is presented in two separate sections. First will be the Confirmed Programme of Work, which is work we have committed to. The second section is entitled Proposed Programme of Work, and refers to opportunities we believe the *Centre* should pursue, as well as programmes that are currently being reviewed for support.

### **I. PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGH CRIMINAL LAW IN NATIONAL SYSTEMS**

#### **CORRECTIONS PROGRAMME**

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#### **CANADA CHINA PROCURATORATE REFORM COOPERATION PROJECT**

The continuing objective of the Canada-China Procuratorate Reform Cooperation Project is to provide Canadian expertise to support the Supreme Peoples Procuratorate (SPP) in implementing their reform agenda, which will take place over four years (2003 -2007). As part of CIDA's China Judicial/Legal Reform Program, ICCLR and its partner Salasan Inc. have been awarded the contract to act as the Canadian Executing Agency (CEA) to work with The Supreme People's Procuratorate, the Chinese Executing Agency (CHEA) in accordance the Program Implementation Plan (PIP).

The overarching intent of the Project is to support China's efforts to gain knowledge of, and to adopt, international legal standards and practices, and to promote good governance and the reform of its legal system. A sustaining goal of the project is "to increase China's capacity to improve governance, respect for human rights and democratic development processes". The project aims to support the SPP's reform program by enhancing the prosecution profession's ability to more effectively:

- Understand and exercise its constitutional and professional role in protecting citizen's rights;
- Implement and enforce due process in the criminal prosecution system, as well as to develop & implement new law and policies; and
- Carry out prosecutorial, legal and professional responsibilities.

## IMPLEMENTING INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN CHINA PROGRAMME

The overarching goal of the Programme is to assist in promoting and strengthening the rule of law, human rights and good governance in China through the reform and/or improvement of criminal procedure, substantive criminal law and the administration of criminal justice in accordance with well-established international standards. The objectives for 2007-2008 are to deliver on the remaining mandates as defined in our jointly created Annual Workplans. The *Centre*, in cooperation with the three Chinese partner organizations, namely, the Centre for Criminal Law and Justice (CCLJ) at China University of Political Science and Law, the Research Centre of Criminal Jurisprudence (RCCJ) at Beijing Normal University, and the China Prison Society (CPS) will organize an end of project, intensive 3 day, issue specific, seminar during the month of June 2007.

## II. INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

### DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CANADA LECTURE SERIES

The *Centre*, with endowment funds from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada and the Vancouver Foundation will continue to annually invite two lecturers of international stature to present their recent work to students, the legal community and the general public.

### ANNUAL SUMMER LAW PROGRAMME

The *Centre* will continue to assist with the organization of the annual Southwestern Summer Law Programme. This Southwestern Summer Law programme is delivered, in collaboration with the University of British Columbia (UBC) Law Faculty and the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy. It is an annual four-week Summer Law Program held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The programme provides comparative and international law courses with a focus on environmental law. The instruction is provided by U.S. and Canadian scholars with extensive international experience.

### UN COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

As an inter-regional UN institute, the *Centre* continues 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. The *Centre* will also contribute a presentation at the annual UN PNI workshop at the 2007 UN Crime Commission meeting, as well as prepare two background papers: "*Successful Crime Reduction and Prevention Strategies in the Urban Context*" and "*Crime prevention and social reintegration of offenders - A review of Canadian and international reintegration programs.*"

### UN PROGRAMME NETWORK OF INSTITUTES (PNI)

The *Centre* attended both the informal (Vienna, April 2006) and the Annual (December 15-16, 2006) Coordination Meetings of the Directors of Institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme.

The United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network consists of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and a number of interregional and regional institutes around the world, as well as specialized centres. It has been developed to assist the UN and the international community in strengthening international cooperation in the crucial area of crime prevention and criminal justice. Its components provide a variety of services, including exchange of information, research, training, technical assistance and public education.

The *Centre* is currently designated to represent the PNI on the Board of Directors for the UN International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council.

### PUBLIC & PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION INFORMATION ACTIVITIES

The *Centre* continues 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. The *Centre* organised and participated in seminars and expert meetings related to the identified priorities of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme and national and foreign policy objectives of the government of Canada in the areas of crime prevention, criminal justice and human rights.

The *Centre* provided consistent, professional communications through research activities, the production and distribution of publications, reports, newsletters, and informational packages on projects and programs, work plans and reports. The *Centre* continues to use its website to assist and contribute to the global exchange of information on criminal justice and human rights. In addition, the *Centre* makes an effort to collect, distribute and disseminate information at national and international fora.

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* makes every effort to serve Canada as a conduit for information about the country's obligations under international instruments and the impact of international developments on the administration of justice both at the federal and provincial levels.



The *Centre* carries 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
- Supporting and contributing to local and national working meetings on criminal justice policy and the administration of justice
- 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
- Responding, where possible to the new and emerging priorities of Canada and the UNODC

## **PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK 2007-2008**

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The *Centre* is developing and pursuing a number of additional projects, each of which have significant meaning for our partners at the Department of Justice, Foreign Affairs Canada, Public Safety, Department of the Attorney General of British Columbia, our UN colleagues, and indeed our role as subject matter experts. While we expect to realize a number of the proposed initiatives, the challenge that continues to inhibit the ability of the Centre to pursue and capture these opportunities is once again the stability and predictability of funding. That said, the following are opportunities where the *Centre* is uniquely positioned to make a genuine, positive impact.

### **RESEARCH AND PROMOTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT IN CHINA AND SOUTH EAST ASIA**

The *Centre* proposes to continue to undertake, on behalf of the Government of Canada, a programme of work promoting the ratification and implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC). Building on a successful and productive history of efforts supporting the ICC the Centre proposes to focus its attention on China and Indonesia as entry points into Asia in the ongoing programme of support to the ICC.

### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

The *Centre* has continued to pursue opportunities to work on this file, and has maintained a consistent correspondence with several departments of the Canadian Government and the UNODC on areas where the Centre can deliver a positive impact. ICCLR has recently proposed exploring ways to contribute to the implementation of Bill C-49 through training, information dissemination and symposia. Related to Bill C-49, the *Centre* has also expressed an interest to Canada in developing an incident monitoring process so that all agencies and departments can gain a greater understanding of this issue within Canada. Similarly, ICCLR has requested information on how Canada currently proposes to monitor the implementation and impact of Bill C-49. In each of these cases, the Centre has substantive experience that can and will add value to the progress of these initiatives.

### **ASSISTING THE PROCESS OF PRISON REFORM IN SOUTHERN SUDAN: BUILDING LEADERSHIP CAPACITY WITHIN THE PRISON SERVICE AND ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF VULNERABLE GROUPS OF PRISONERS**

The *Centre* worked closely with the UNODC's Rule of Law section to design a curriculum and manual for use in a Training Programme for Senior Prison Managers, in Juba, South Sudan in February 2007. The programme was the first step in a proposed longer term programme that is designed to complement the activities of other agencies.

A new project is designed to reinforce the current efforts and to assist with the likelihood of success of the GoSS to rebuild the correctional system in accordance with UN human rights standards and as part of its broader commitment to strengthen the rule of law in the country. The proposed project will build upon the successful first initiative, delivered in partnership with UNODC, UNMIS, ICCLR and GoSS to assist the process of prison reform by:

- Building the capacity of prison management to lead the process of prison reform;
- Improving the capacity of the department to respond more effectively to vulnerable groups in prison.

### ANTI-TERRORISM

In the context of combating terrorism, the *Centre* can play a valuable role, both internationally and at home. Internationally, by supporting the work of the UNODC in regard to their mandate. In Canada, where significant movement toward the harmonization of Customs and Immigration and Border Security practices with the United States has gained momentum, the Centre again offers substantial experience to assist Canada with gaining an understanding of whether and how these initiatives benefit Canadians, in terms of public safety, human rights and international law. Specifically, in regards to the Government's S.M.A.R.T. regulations, and the real possibility of US Border Patrol and Police Forces at our borders, the *Centre* is well positioned to host a series of symposia (Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal) to engage policy experts, the Legal community and the public sphere on the impact of these policy initiatives.

The *Centre* also proposes to expand its efforts relating to Counter Terrorism and to cooperate with Canada and UNODC to better meet the identified needs of developing countries in the area of counter-terrorism related technical and legal assistance and training.

Proposals are in development or under consideration for programmes concerning technical assistance activities in Latin America to be undertaken jointly in full cooperation with UNODC, and ILANUD which is our common counter-part in the region and; and to revise and to re-issue the CD ROM Compendium of Legal Instruments and Useful Technical Assistance Tools to Prevent Terrorism and Other Related Forms of Crime and present it during the annual session of the UN Crime Commission.

### ANTI-CORRUPTION STRATEGIES

In view of the *Centre's* previous work in this field, the *Centre* proposes to continue to support Canada's efforts on the UN Convention Against Corruption. The Centre proposes to contribute to the UN Global Programme to Combat Corruption in the areas of commercial and financial fraud, honest justice systems, good governance, reporting

processes and requirements, and the development of an international strategy against corruption.

ICCLR with funding support from the UNODC and Canada organized in cooperation with UNODC an expert Group Meeting to follow up on the decisions of the Conference of States Parties to UNCAC (December 2006) concerning the monitoring of the implementation of the Convention. The first step has successfully occurred with an inter-governmental group meeting in Vancouver in early March 2007. The next steps involve efforts and cooperation to finalize a computer-based reporting system that will meet the requirements expressed by the States Parties.

#### GLOBAL PROGRAMME AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

With the support of the Government of Canada and in cooperation with the UNODC, the *Centre* proposes to continue actively support the effective use of the Transnational Organized Crime Convention; to assist with the development of efficient reporting guidelines and processes; and to respond where possible with research assistance and technical assistance programmes.

#### RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

The *Centre* is developing a programme of work in cooperation with the UNFPA/United Nations Population Fund of South Sudan. The mandate is the promotion and protection of the rights to freedom from gender-based violence. The project will explore the possibility of introducing and adapting restorative justice practices into the traditional courts of South Sudan.

#### ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The *Centre* proposes to renew its programme of addressing the issue of violence against women through cooperative efforts in the delivery of technical assistance and training programmes, as well as a revised and expanded version of its manual: *“Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence Against Women in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.”*

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AGBC	Attorney General Department of British Columbia
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APAI	Association of Paroling Authorities International
APPA	American Probation and parole Association
BC CJA	British Columbia Criminal Justice Association
CBA	Canadian Bar Association
CACP	Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police
CCIC	Canadian Council for International Cooperation
CCIL	Canadian Council International Law
CCJA	Canadian Criminal Justice Association
CESCA	Corrections Conference of Eastern, Southern and Central Africa
CIAJ	Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice
CICC	Coalition for an International Criminal Court - NY
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
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EU	European Union
FOCAL	Canadian Foundation for the Americas
GoSS	Government of Southern Sudan
HEUNI	European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations
IAP	International Association of Prosecutors
IBCR	International Bureau Children’s Rights
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
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
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
IOM	International Organization for Migration
ISRCL	International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law

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
NAASS	Naif Arab Academy for Security Studies
NIJ	National Institute of Justice, USA
NJC	National Joint Committee of Senior Criminal Justice Officials, Canada
NJI	National Judicial Institute, Canada
NPB	National Parole Board of Canada
NPWJ	No Peace Without Justice
OAS	Organization of American States
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
ODCCP	Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention - United Nations Vienna office
OSCE	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
PNI	United Nations Programme Network of Institutes
PSEP	Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Department, Canada
PGA	Parliamentarians for Global Action
PRI	Penal Reform International
RCCL	Research Centre of Criminal Law, Beijing Normal University
RCMP	Royal Canadian Mounted Police
R.& D.	Rights and Democracy Institute (also known as ICHRDD) - Montreal
SFU	Simon Fraser University
SOL GEN	Department of Solicitor General of Canada
SPP	Supreme People's Procuratorate - China
TACJ	Technical Assistance in the Field of Criminal Justice
TOC	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
UN CAC	United Nations Convention against Corruption
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNICRI	United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute - Turin, Italy
UNMIS	United Nations Mission in Sudan
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vienna
UN TOC	United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime
VAW	Violence Against Women
WFM	World Federalist Movement

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