

# **CORRECTIONS PROGRAM 2000/2002**

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## International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy

### Corrections Program 2000-2002 December 2000 Progress Report

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#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Since its inception, the International Centre<sup>1</sup> has been involved in a collaborative program of work with the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) to promote correctional reform at the international level. The CSC and the International Centre jointly developed a program of work and in July 2000 a Contribution Agreement was signed to undertake the activities of this program

This is an interim report, the purpose of which is to outline the progress and the results achieved on the activities which were agreed upon by the CSC and the Centre for the 2000/2001 fiscal year, as described in the program of work submitted to the CSC in February 2000. This report also seeks a further transfer of funds from the CSC, as provided for in the July 2000 Contribution Arrangement, to support the Centre's continued work on the agreed upon program and the activities currently underway.

#### BACKGROUND OF THE PROGRAM

The worldwide need for action to bring about reform in the administration of justice, particularly in the field of sentencing and corrections, resulted in the development of a co-operative program of work between the CSC and the International Centre. This work builds on the two earlier international symposia on the Future of Corrections<sup>2</sup> and promotes, through technical assistance, the use of a strategic approach to the implementation, in the field of sentencing and corrections, of recognised human rights and other criminal justice standards and norms. The emphasis is on the provision of technical assistance to countries that request it.

The Centre's current activities and program of work reflect priorities that were identified through a series of national and international consultations. These consultations revealed not only the presence of a very real and urgent need for assistance in developing countries, particularly in Africa, Latin America and in parts of Asia, but also the near absence of a concerted effort on the part of developed

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<sup>1</sup> International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy

<sup>2</sup> *First International Symposium on the Future of Corrections, Ottawa 1991* - Sponsored by the Correctional Service of Canada and the Society for the Reform of Criminal Law; *Second International Symposium on the Future of Corrections, Popowo, Poland 1993* - Sponsored by the Correctional Service of Canada, the Polish Ministry of Justice and the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy.

countries to address this need. Priorities for technical assistance were shown to include staff development and training, management training, policy development, bail and/or pre-trial detention reform, conditions of youth in detention, community corrections and the promotion of public awareness and participation. The major issue to be addressed, however, is one, which transcends all components of the criminal justice system, is that of prison overcrowding. Although this particular problem is faced by many nations, no where is it more severe than in developing countries where the conditions are often such that the most basic human needs of prisoners cannot be met. In developing countries and often also in countries said to be "in transition", the challenges faced by correctional administrators are so monumental and complex that they cannot possibly be met without outside, sustained and strategically deployed technical and financial assistance.

## **2000-2001 PROGRAM OF WORK**

For the past several years the joint program of work carried out by the Centre has focussed broadly in the areas of sentencing and corrections. In 2000-2001, and following up on results of the program to date, discussions by the Centre's Board of Director's and subsequently with CSC officials, the program has taken on a more specific focus in the area of corrections. The focus on this aspect of work is more evident in our technical assistance projects in Africa, Central and South America and China, and in this context, is more easily integrated with the work of the CSC. In addition to the specific projects and activities outlined in the 2000-2002 Work Plan, new activities continue to be developed based on a systematic identification of the needs, in consideration of the resources that can be mobilized to meet these needs and complimentary with the priorities of the program.

The Centre's work is also focussing on establishing closer communication, cooperation and coordination of technical assistance and other activities with the CSC, as well as with other governmental and non governmental criminal justice entities in Canada and abroad. These efforts include:

- expanding and increasing the number of links with international counterparts such as United Nations network of institutes, UN High Commission Human Rights (UNHCHR), the International Corrections and Prisons Association (ICPA), the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, the International Prosecutors Association and other international criminal justice entities;
- improved sharing of information on upcoming projects and activities;
- identification of opportunities for collaboration in resource mobilization, including the joint development of funding proposals to undertake specific technical assistance projects;
- identification of teams for specific project initiatives that would include both governmental (provincial and federal) and non-governmental organizations;

- collaboration on national and international outreach activities, where it might prove mutually beneficial (i.e., conference coordination); and
- sharing of research related information in the international context.

During the current reporting period, and as one will note while reviewing the following activity reports, significant achievements have been made in each of these areas.

## **REPORT ON 2000-2001 ACTIVITIES**

### **Bi-lateral**

#### **China**

The China Phase II *Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Cooperation Program*, funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the Ford Foundation, continues to be the main focus of the Centre's work with China in the area of corrections. During the current fiscal year a number of activities have taken place within the context of this program:

#### ***Shanghai Prison Society Seminar***

On May 31, 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 to the participants.

#### ***Joint Authoring of a Comparative Corrections Book***

Compilation and writing of the China/Canada comparative corrections book has been completed. The Canadian input into this document was provided by a team of individuals representing the CSC, NPB, BC (Provincial) Corrections Branch and the International Centre. Input on behalf of the NGO's in Canada was coordinated by Mr. John Braithwaite. The Chinese input in to the document was coordinated by the China Prison Society.

The comparative corrections document is in the final stages of translation, both into Chinese and English, and will be published in early 2001.

### ***Official Chinese Delegation Visit to Canada***

On September 25 - October 3, 2000 six officials from the China Prison Society and the Chinese provincial prison services traveled to Canada in order to survey and gain an understanding of Canada's corrections and conditional release system. This was the second such visit to be completed under the International Centre's "Sentencing and Corrections" component of its China Phase II *Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Program*, funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), and reciprocates two Canadian correctional delegation visits to China in May 1998 and October 1999. Activities of the current visit were carried out with the support and assistance of the CSC and NPB.

A full report of this visit is attached (Appendix I)

### ***Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)***

A significant event of the September/October 2000 Chinese delegation visit to Canada was the signing of a MOU between the China Prison Society and the International Centre. This signing is a clear indication of trust and a definite indication of a desire for future collaborative work to introduce reform within the Chinese prison and parole systems.

The formal MOU was signed on September 26, 2000 and outlines the basis for an ongoing program of work between China and the Centre in the area of corrections, to be carried out over the next five years. The International Centre, in collaboration with the China Prison Society will coordinate the activities outlined in this proposed agreement in close cooperation and with the involvement of the Correctional Service of Canada, the National Parole Board and the China Bureau of Prisons. In fulfilling the activities outlined in this agreement the International Centre and the China Prison Society may enlist the support of other correctional entities including Chinese and Canadian provincial correctional jurisdictions and other organizations active in corrections and criminal justice.

Key activities forming the basis of the Memorandum of Understanding include:

- i. Exchange of materials and information relating to key aspects of corrections, including research results;
- ii. Exchange visits involving practitioners and researchers from the various organizations involved.
- iii. The joint preparation of symposia and/or conferences of a bi-lateral, multi-lateral and international as well as the hosting of subject experts to present at other events which may be organized.
- iv. Accommodate opportunities for training in specific issues relating to corrections and/or the correctional officer training programs.

- v. Jointly conducting comparative research on Chinese and Canadian correctional systems and publishing research products.
- vi. Give consideration to the development of other mutually agreed activities beneficial to the improvement of correctional practice.

Activities outlined in the MOU will be used to support the development of a "Phase III" proposal to CIDA.

### ***Chinese Visiting Scholar***

In September 2000, Dr. Wang Ping of the Centre for Criminal Law and Justice of the China University of Political Science and Law, joined the International Centre as a visiting scholar. During this ten month Scholar Exchange Program, Dr. Wang will undertake research activities of the Canadian and Chinese justice systems with a particular focus on corrections. To facilitate his research activities arrangements have been made for Dr. Wang to participate in criminology classes offered at Simon Fraser University. Preliminary discussions have also taken place with CSC officials in the Pacific Region to arrange a short-term placement within a correctional institution in that region.

### ***Guangdong Provincial Prison Delegation Visit***

On November 27, 2000 a delegation of six prison wardens from the Chinese province of Guangdong will visit Vancouver. Although this is an unofficial, self funded visit, arrangements have been made for the members of this delegation to visit both the Burnaby Correctional Centre for Women and the Burnaby Juvenile Detention Centre.

### ***Project for the Ratification and Implementation of Human Rights Covenants in China***

As part of the CIDA funded program to assist China in preparation for ratification and implementation of two UN Human Rights Covenants<sup>3</sup>, the Centre has been working with the Centre for Criminal Law and Justice in Beijing to produce a compendium of relevant UN Human Rights and Criminal Justice Instruments as well as Chinese and Canadian Human Rights Instruments. The select documents which comprise this training compendium, which is tailored to the training of Chinese officials, include instruments relevant to corrections such as the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Offenders and the Tokyo Standards for Non Custodial Measures. Prominent Canadian instruments in the compendium include the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the BC Human Rights Act.

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<sup>3</sup> International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Centre is also assisting the Chinese to conduct research for the implementation of the two Covenants, including principles that are relevant to corrections.

## **Africa**

Much of the work in Africa has thus far been technical assistance activities focussed in Uganda. Over the course of the next three years the experience in Uganda will be a model for the development of projects and proposals in other African countries.

### ***Uganda***

As a follow-up to the seminar entitled “*Alternatives to Incarceration: Their Applicability and Practice in Uganda*”<sup>4</sup>, the International Centre, in collaboration with the Netherlands Support to Public Prosecutions Project, the DANIDA (Danish) Judiciary Programme and Ugandan criminal justice officials, have developed a pilot program entitled the “Chain Linked Project”. The aim of the project is to demonstrate the benefit of a greater integration and co-ordination of roles, functions and activities of the various components of Uganda’s criminal justice system. Funding for this project has been secured from a number of donor agencies including CIDA.

This project remains ongoing under the direction of the coordinator for the Netherlands Support to Public Prosecutions Project based in Kampala and as necessary, in consultation with other stakeholders including the International Centre..

### ***Tanzania***

A proposal to organize an event similar to the alternatives to incarceration seminar held in Uganda was developed in collaboration with the Tanzania Prison Service, the University of Dar Es Salaam, UNAFRI and the International Centre. Although the proposal that was submitted to CIDA in Dar Es Salaam did not get the anticipated response, the Commissioner of Prisons for Tanzania remains committed to this initiative. The proposal will be resubmitted to CIDA from the Tanzania Defense and Security Committee of the Parliament. It is hoped that the proposal from this high level parliamentary committee will bring about a (more favorable) response from CIDA.

Although no action has been taken on this matter to date the Commissioner of the Tanzania Prison Service has asked for the Centre’s assistance to conduct research on the number of “pre trial detention” in Tanzanian as well as neighboring Africa countries’ prisons. This category of offenders is often perceived as being extremely high and the major cause of the severely overcrowded prison conditions that exist.

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<sup>4</sup> *Alternatives to Incarceration: Their Applicability and Practice in Uganda* – Final Report of the National Seminar Kampala Uganda February 2-4, 1998

## **Namibia/CESCA**

Coincidental with the September 2001 5<sup>th</sup> Conference of Eastern, Southern and Central Africa Correctional Administrators (CESCA), TECHNIKON SA and the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy (ICCLR&CJP) is organizing a one day workshop for senior executives on “Technology in Corrections”. In support of this event the Centre has enlisted the participation of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) from Washington DC who have developed vast expertise and knowledge of criminal justice technology and Internet resources. The need for such event became evident during the discussions that took place during the 4<sup>th</sup> CESCA meeting on the matter of “Internet” and other technologies”. The proposed workshop will be a practical, hands on demonstration, designed to both introduce the various technologies; i.e. internet, e-mail, electronic databases, and provide introductory training on the use of these applications to those in attendance. It will assist them to use the tools (computers), which many already have at their disposal, but are which are underutilized to readily access relevant information from around the world.

## **Central/Latin America**

The second “International Training Course on the Living Conditions in Prisons and their Programs” for Latin America was held in San José, Costa Rica on July 17-27, 2000. This course is one of many efforts being undertaken by ILANUD<sup>5</sup> to address the escalating problem of prison overcrowding and the resulting conditions, in the region. The course was co-organized by ILANUD and the UNAFEI<sup>6</sup> and funded by the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Participants included senior correctional and justice officials from the countries of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela. Experts were in attendance from Canada, El Salvador, Japan, Spain and the United Kingdom.

Brian Tkachuk, Director Corrections Program, participated in this event on behalf of the International Centre. He delivered a paper entitled “Alternatives to Incarceration - a Canadian and International Perspective”. The paper outlined the factors contributing to the increase in prison populations worldwide and the initiatives underway to confront this dilemma through the development and implementation of viable alternatives to incarceration. The paper profiled a number of these initiatives including community based programs and alternatives which draw upon broad based restorative themes

In addition to our ongoing contribution to various events in Central America as noted above, the Centre continues to work with ILANUD and will jointly develop a proposal to CIDA for a three year correctional reform project in Central America. The Centre has facilitated the translation (from Spanish to English) of the recent Latin American Corrections Study entitled “Prison Overcrowding in Latin America and the Caribbean: Possible Responses” In order to have it available in support of the proposal.

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<sup>5</sup> Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

<sup>6</sup> United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offender

## **RESEARCH/POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

### **International Prison Policy Development Instrument**

The initial development phase of the Instrument is completed. This involved the development of a compendium of all of the UN Standards, General Assembly Resolutions, and operational directives from a variety of jurisdictions (federal and provincial) in Canada, as they relate to all the operational areas within prisons. Modifications to the instrument have continued to be made throughout 2000 and we are currently pursuing funds to finalize and publish the instrument. The SOROS Foundation is being considered as a potential funding agency for translation, publication and distribution of the compendium.

The instrument will be introduced to Correctional Administrators in Africa during the September 2001 CESCA Conference as noted earlier in this report jurisdictions worldwide.

### **Needs Assessment Instrument**

The needs assessment instrument, developed by the Centre to assist developing countries identify the priorities for technical assistance in the area of corrections, continues to be utilized. A copy of the instrument was recently provided to HEUNI<sup>7</sup> in support of their work in Eastern Europe.

### **Manual on Criminal Justice and Crime Prevention Strategies to Eliminate Violence Against Women**

As previously reported, the International Centre took a leading role in the area of strategies against violence against women. A best practices compendium and a "Resource Manual", based on the Model Strategies for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and adopted by the General Assembly in 1997, were developed and presented at the Eighth Session of the Crime Commission held in Vienna in April 1999.

English and French versions of the manual were made available to participants at the April 2000, 10<sup>th</sup> United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, and in particular, during the workshop on Women in the Criminal Justice System, including offenders and victims.

### **Draft Policy Framework for Canada's Technical Assistance Initiatives in the Area of Sentencing and Corrections.**

The Centre continues with its plan to develop, based on consultations it conducted in the past two years, a draft policy framework document to encourage a broad

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<sup>7</sup> European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control Affiliated with the United Nations

discussion, among all concerned individuals and agencies, of the many issues involved in this complex area of activities. The object of the paper will be, in part, to relate current technical assistance initiatives in this area to Canada's broader foreign and international development policies. The paper will also attempt to draw together some of the lessons learned so far by various Canadian individuals and agencies already involved in international co-operation efforts in this field.

## **OTHER COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS**

### **International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law (ISRCL)**

The ISRCL will be holding its 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on December 3-8, 2000 in Sandton South Africa. In the context of the theme for this event, "Human Rights in the Administration of Criminal Justice" and at the invitation of the Society, the International Centre took the lead role in developing four workshops specific to the issue of corrections. The four workshops will focus on:

- Constitutional Challenges to Prison Conditions and Procedures;
- Release of Prisoners, Parole and Conditional Release;
- Managing Juvenile Offenders; and
- Restorative Justice

Brian Tkachuk will participate in and present at the conference.

### **International Corrections and Prisons Association (ICPA)**

The International Centre is an institutional member of the ICPA and participated in the Association's Annual General Meeting and Conference held in Cape Town SA in September 2000. During this event a special edition of the Centre's document, "Towards Improved Corrections - A Strategic Framework", was made available to participants. The document was introduced during Dr. Ole Ingstrup's (ICPA President and then Commissioner of the CSC) address on the issue on corrections becoming a values based organization.

Prior to the above noted event representatives of the International Centre liaised with officials in China to ensure the personal participation of the Director General, Mr. Du, of the China Prison' Bureau at the ICPA Conference. Through his participation Mr. Du was nominated as the Regional Vice-Chair for the Association for the Asia Region.

### **Restorative Justice/CCJA**

In March 1997 the Achieving Satisfying Justice Symposium, jointly organized by the CCJA and the International Centre, was held in Vancouver BC. The first event of this kind served as the catalyst for many of the domestic Restorative Justice initiatives which are underway in Canada today. These two organizations have once again agreed to collaborate, along with several other national organizations, in the

organization of a similar follow-up event. The proposed event (five years after the first) would be held in March 2002 and would serve to review the initiatives, achievements and commitment to the principles of Restorative Justice within Canada.

On November 2, 2000 a preliminary meeting of stakeholders and potential funding agencies was held in Ottawa. Consensus was expressed in support of holding the conference. Based on discussions during the meeting an initial proposal will be developed in early January 2001 and forwarded to the Respective Minister's (Justice/Solicitor General) seeking their support.

The Centre also continues to receive requests for information and invitations to participate in local and international events on restorative justice. The Centre has responded to these, within its existing resources, and has developed a standard information package to respond to some of the requests.

### **Tenth UN Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (Year 2000)**

The above noted event took place as specified above. A highlight for the Centre's corrections program was that the conference featured, as one of its four main themes, the issue of "Victims and Offenders - Fairness and Accountability in the Justice Process". It was through the efforts of the Centre participants at earlier UN Commission meetings that this issue remained relevant to the UN program and on the conference agenda despite competing UN priorities. The Congress also featured "Women in the Criminal Justice System" as one of the four major workshops organized collaboratively by HEUNI and other UN institutes including the International Centre.

### **UN Commission Roundtable and Technical Assistance Workshop on Corrections**

During the 15th UN Institutes' Coordination Meeting in September 2000, it was proposed that the Institutes would collaborate to organize a one day round table technical assistance workshop to be held in conjunction with the Tenth Session of the UN Commission for Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Vienna May 8-17, 2001). After much discussion on the various potential subjects, it was agreed that the first event would focus on the issue of prisons and more specifically the "World Prison Population: Facts, Trends and Solutions". A draft proposal for the proposed event was collaboratively drafted during the Coordination meeting and forwarded, by the Director of UNICRI<sup>8</sup> on behalf of all the UN Institutes, to the Officer in Charge of the UN Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, for approval. Approval to hold this event as proposed was received on October 25, 2000. The International Centre has agreed to play a principle role in organizing the event.

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<sup>8</sup> United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

### **International Relations Committee of the American Correctional Association/Infectious Diseases in Prisons, Current Practices Compendium**

The International Centre is a member of the International Relations Committee of the American Correctional Association (ACA) which was established to provide the exchange of information and expertise between the Association and practitioners in other countries.

Supporting its participation in this Committee the International Centre has successfully secured funds from the Open Society Institute (SOROS Foundation) based in New York to undertake, on behalf of the ACA, the development of an "infectious diseases in prisons current practices compendium". Funds have also been secured to translate the completed compendium into Russian, Spanish French and Chinese.

Preliminary activities for this project were undertaken by the CSC and the International Centre. In May/June 1999 approximately 120 letters, inviting jurisdictions to share their practices on the issue of infectious diseases in prisons, were sent worldwide. Respondents were asked to provide a summary of the innovative program(s) or protocol(s) related to the prevention, screening, treatment and education of infectious diseases in the correctional environment. They were asked to highlight key aspects of the program so that readers would be able to make a preliminary determination of its potential and/or transferability to their jurisdictions. Respondents were also asked to provide the name and coordinates of the appropriate individual within their organization responsible for the programs profiled by them.

Initially over eighty responses were received from all continents and regions worldwide. In the past two months all respondents were contacted either to provide new information or validate that which was previously provided by them. As a condition of funding from the SOROS Foundation additional efforts have also been made to secure input from Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union Republics. A draft of the compendium is expected to be available for consultation during the January 2001 ACA Conference in Nashville.

### **British Columbia Correctional Association (BCCJA)**

The Director of the Sentencing and Corrections Program continues to actively participate as a member and Vice President of the Board of Directors of the BCCJA. Preliminary discussions have taken place on collaboration with the BCCJA, CCJA and the Centre to organize the restorative justice "Satisfying Justice Symposium" as outlined earlier in this report.

### **EVENT PARTICIPATION**

The active participation at various national and international events and associations is critical to the development and solidification of various partnerships essential to the success of the Centre's sentencing and corrections program. Outside of those which

may have been noted in conjunction with a particular activity the Centre has participated in a number of other events. These included the Tenth United Nations Congress for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (Vienna April 2000), Ninth UN Commission Meeting (Vienna April 2000) International Association of Paroling Authorities Conference (Ottawa May 2000), American Correctional Association Conference (San Antonio Texas, August 2000), International Corrections and Prisons Association Annual General Meeting and Conference (Cape Town SA September 2000), UN Institutes Coordination Meeting and ISPAC Conference (Courmayeur Italy September 2000), and most recently as an invited observer at the Asian and Pacific Conference of Correctional Administrator's (Sydney NSW) .

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND INFORMATION**

An important, ongoing aspect of the Sentencing and Corrections Program is the provision of information, education, and advisory services to a number of different audiences. These include 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. Responses range from responding to simple requests for a copy of a particular UN declaration or standard, to preparing complex briefs, participating in formal hearings or informal discussion groups, or time consuming efforts to publish articles or proceedings of a consultation meeting.

## **SENTENCING AND CORRECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Sentencing and Corrections Advisory Committee continues to play a valuable role in providing support and direction to the corrections program and the work of the Centre as a whole. The following individuals, representative of both government and non-government organizations, comprise this committee:

**Professor Neil Boyd** - School of Criminology - Simon Fraser University  
**Mr. John Braithwaite**, Consultant and former Deputy Commissioner of the CSC  
**Mr. John Conroy**, Barrister - Conroy, Hammond and Company, Barristers and Solicitors  
**Mr. Don Demers**, Assistant Deputy Minister - Province of British Columbia Ministry of the Attorney General, Corrections Branch  
**Judge William Diebolt** - British Columbia Provincial Court  
**Professor Michael Jackson**, - Faculty of Law - University of British Columbia  
**Ms. Allison MacPhail**, Assistant Deputy Minister Community Justice Ministry of the Attorney General for British Columbia  
**Mr. Terry Sawatsky** - Assistant Deputy Commissioner - CSC Pacific Region  
**Mr. Fraser Simmons, Director** - National Parole Board - Pacific Region  
**Ms. Karen Wiseman**, Director General Intergovernmental Affairs – CSC  
**Mr Daniel C Préfontaine**, Executive Director ICCLR&CJP  
**Mr. Yvon Dandurand**, Professor – University College of the Fraser Valley

Drawing upon their particular skills and expertise Committee Members are consulted on an individual basis as opposed to regularly scheduled meetings.

## **CONCLUSION**

As has been the case during previous reporting phases, the vast majority of projects and activities remain ongoing. Significant achievements have been realized since we embarked on this important program of work to promote sentencing and correctional reform around the world. Good governance and Human Rights in the context of corrections reform is the basis of our program. The promotion of human rights, democracy, peace and security occupies a central place in Canada's foreign policy objectives. The efforts of the CSC and the Centre, separately and jointly, continue to contribute to the realization of some of Canada's important foreign policy and international development objectives in this regard. These efforts and achievements have not gone unnoticed. Increasingly, agencies such as CIDA are becoming aware of the important role that criminal justice reform activities, including correctional reform, play in the overall democratization and stabilization of developing countries. Although resources will forever remain a factor in determining the projects undertaken, the increasing willingness of agencies such as CIDA to fund some of the activities is reassuring. This willingness to do so, however, would not have been realized without the generous support of the Centre by the CSC and for this we remain most grateful. The unique relationship that has been established between the CSC and the Centre allows us to marshal effective working teams that would not otherwise allow us to have such an impact on our technical assistance efforts and projects in developing countries. We hope that we can build upon these successes to foster new collaborative partnerships in the future.