

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

## **Annual Report 2005 - 2006 & Programme of Work 2006 – 2007**

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## 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 *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 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.

2005 - 2006 was a year marked by numerous important accomplishments at the *Centre*. The following outcomes will provide a snapshot of our key Projects & Deliverables from the past year, and will establish a platform for our 2006-2007 Proposed Programme of Work.

## 2005 – 2006 OUTCOMES

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### Key Outcomes:

- **Enhancing Criminal Justice Reform**  
- Including Restorative Justice

In support of Draft ECOSOC Resolution E/CN.15/2003/L.8/Rev.1 entitled Preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice the International Centre, supported by the Government of Canada, organized workshop#2 entitled **Enhancing Criminal Justice Reform – Including Restorative Justice**. This workshop addressed criminal justice reform, particularly protection of victims/witnesses, especially women and children, and restorative justice.

Following the *Centres'* capacity and development review of the Justice and Security sectors in eight Caribbean common law countries, a programme supported by CIDA, the Centre in the late fall of 2005 successfully won the bid to develop and lead a delegation from Jamaica on a Study Tour to examine various models and learn best practices from experts and practitioners of Restorative Justice in Canada. The Restorative Justice Study Tour enabled a large group of stakeholders/partners from to improve their awareness, knowledge and skills in Restorative Justice, through interactions with experts and practitioners of RJ in Canada, and to thereby support the development of a strong multi-sectoral RJ program in Jamaica.

In response to Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) resolution 2004/25 entitled "The rule of law and development: strengthening the rule of law and the reform of criminal justice institutions, with emphasis on technical assistance, including in post-conflict reconstruction" the Centre is cooperating with the Criminal Justice Reform Unit, UNODC to produce a **Handbook on Restorative Justice**.

- **Counter Terrorism**

ICCLR and the UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch completed an update to the **Compendium of Useful Technical Assistance Tools and Legal Instruments to Prevent Terrorism and Other Related Forms of Crime**. This updated version of the Compendium was distributed on CDROM at both the 11<sup>th</sup> UN Crime Congress and the 14<sup>th</sup> UN Crime Commission. ICCLR and UNODC propose to continue to update this

compendium on an annual basis, maintaining its relevance and utility through continued collaboration.

In support of resolution 2004/30, ICCLR senior associates produced papers for and participated in the **Second World Summit of Attorneys General, Prosecutors General, and Chief Prosecutors in Qatar**. The papers focused on capacity building in prosecution services, and international cooperation between prosecution services in prosecuting organized crime, including human trafficking.

## ▪ **Human Trafficking**

The *Centre's* collaboration with Canada and the UNODC, Global Programme Against Human Trafficking, continued on several fronts throughout 2005 – 2006. The following summarizes our engagements and areas of impact, to date, on this important issue:

- Contributing to the Drafting an Anti-Trafficking Toolkit for the UNODC Anti-Trafficking unit: the toolkit will be published in time for forthcoming session of the UN Crime Commission, in April 2006.
- Drafting a handbook for law enforcement officials for the UNODC Anti-Trafficking unit.
- The *Centre* developed and co-published a *Human Trafficking Reference Guide for Canadian Law Enforcement*.
- Co-organized a regional conference on human trafficking in British Columbia in the spring of 2005, followed up by numerous meetings & events to mobilize local agencies and develop interagency cooperation protocols. These activities were further supported by a consultation document prepared by The *Centre*, entitled, "*Towards a Regional Strategy against Human Trafficking*."

## ▪ **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.

## ▪ **International Criminal Court**

The *Centre* continued to push for progress on this file in 2005, particularly in our Asia/China network. The *Centre* proposed a research programme through Foreign Affairs Canada, Human Security Programme, leveraging our existing contacts and re-

relationships in China, to promote a greater understanding of the Rome Statute and its implications for China and Asia. Greater elaboration on our objectives in this area is detailed in a later section of this report.

## ▪ Corrections Programme

The Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) continues to support our efforts to work cooperatively with local, national and international Corrections and Law Enforcement agencies. In early 2005-2006 *The Centre* and CSC renewed their commitment to cooperate by signing a 3 year agreement. The Centre was proud to welcome Mr. Robert (Bob) Brown to our team in October 2005. On secondment from the CSC, Bob's 30 years experience and extensive network have added immeasurable depth to the Centre's capacity to effectively secure and deliver projects in multiple areas of Corrections, Law Enforcement and Restorative Justice. 2005 saw our Corrections work continue in Sub-Saharan Africa, and Asia. Specifically, *The Centre*:

- Contributed to the 2005 Conference of Eastern, Southern and Central Africa Correctional Administrators (CESCA);
- Finalized the *Needs Assessment Report on Zambia Prisons Service*;
- Undertook a needs assessment of the Swaziland Prison Service;
- Contributed to the Consultative meeting on HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care and Support in Prison Settings, held in Vienna;
- And assisted with the organization of an ancillary meeting on HIV/AIDS in Prisons at the 11<sup>th</sup> UN Congress.

## ▪ China Programmes

The Centre has two on-going programs with partner organizations in China to support their efforts to implement international standards in criminal justice and to reform the procuratorate system. The overarching goals of both programs are to facilitate the sharing of expertise and experience in promoting and strengthening the rule of law, human rights and good governance in China. 2005- 2006 saw both projects 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.

## UNITED NATIONS 11<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

United Nations Congresses on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice<sup>1</sup> are held every five years, and for the past 50 years have served as an important vehicle for advancing international policy in criminal justice. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 56/119<sup>2</sup> these Congresses are organized for the participation of high-level officials, convening workshops and dealing with the most relevant topics in crime prevention and criminal justice.

The UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice decided the theme of the 11<sup>th</sup> UN Congress would be "**Synergies and responses: strategic alliances in crime prevention and criminal justice**"<sup>3</sup>. The Congress was held in Bangkok Thailand from 18 to 25 April 2005. The agenda for the Congress was approved and included a high level segment to enable heads of state or government ministers to focus on the identified substantive items:

- Corruption: threats and trends in the twenty-first century;
- Economic and financial crimes: challenges to sustainable development; and
- Making standards work: fifty years of standard setting in crime prevention and criminal justice.

The Commission further decided that the following issues would be considered by workshops within the framework of the Eleventh Congress:

- Enhancing international law enforcement co-operation, including extradition matters;
- Enhancing criminal justice reform, including restorative justice;
- Strategies and best practices for crime prevention, in particular in relations to urban crime and youth at risk;
- Measures to combat terrorism, with reference to relevant international conventions and protocols;
- Measures to combat economic crime, including money-laundering; and
- Measures to combat computer-related crime.

The Centre undertook, on behalf of the Government of Canada and the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, the preparations for implementation of the workshop entitled "Enhancing Criminal Justice Reform, Including Restorative Justice". The Workshop goal was to enhance cooperation and bring worldwide attention to promoting systematic efforts to strengthen regional and international cooperation in enhancing criminal justice reform including restorative justice. The workshop successfully achieved its objectives which included:

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<sup>1</sup> Formerly known as the United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and the Treatment of Offenders

<sup>2</sup> General Assembly resolution 56/119 entitled "Role, function, periodicity and duration of the United Nations Congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders" adopted at its Fifty Sixth Session 23 January 2002, Agenda Item 110

<sup>3</sup> ECOSOC resolution 57/171 of 18 December 2002.

- Provide a forum for participants to discuss recent trends and emerging issues in criminal justice reforms with particular attention to the protection of women and children as victims/witnesses of crime, with particular attention to family violence, including restorative justice, with the aim of finding practical solutions to problems.
- Provide an opportunity for Member States to exchange information about recent successful criminal justice reform initiatives including the implementation of criminal justice programmes.
- Provide an opportunity for Member States to report on the results of research on various criminal justice reforms including restorative justice practices.
- Create global awareness of programs and activities designed to enhance the effectiveness of criminal justice systems.
- Contribute to the enhancement and effectiveness of criminal justice systems by promoting reforms that include processes for reparation and healing, with particular attention to aboriginal and indigenous traditions, in criminal justice systems that are fundamentally punitive and retributive.
- Encourage Member States to promote research and evaluation of new approaches in the administration of criminal justice, including restorative justice, to guide further policy and program development.
- Ensure that criminal justice reforms, including restorative justice programs, will grow on a principled and informed basis.
- Ensure that criminal justice reforms are grounded in international standards and that restorative justice programs in particular are guided by the basic United Nations principles.
- Identify opportunities for information sharing and the provision of technical assistance to least developed countries, and countries with developing economies, to enhance their criminal justice reforms and include restorative justice measures.

## DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CANADA LECTURE SERIES

The *Centre*, with endowment funds from the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Vancouver Foundation invited Mr. Vincent Del Buono, program Coordinator of the Security, Justice and Growth program (SJG) in Nigeria to present his recent work to students, the legal community and the general public in Vancouver. Mr. Vincent Del Buono spoke at the UBC Faculty of Law on February 21, 2006, on "Promoting Women's Rights through Sharia Law in Northern Nigeria". The second public lecture delivered in downtown Vancouver focussed on "Poverty, Security, Justice and Growth: A View from Nigeria."

## **PROGRAMME OF WORK 2006-2007**

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The following Proposed Programme of Work for 2006- 2007 is broken into 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**

2006 - 2007 will see a continuation of this programme, as we enter the second year of a three-year program of work supported by Corrections Canada.

Activities in support of the CSC, the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and country/regional specific activities, particularly in Africa, China and the Caribbean remain central to the Programme. The programme 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. 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.

#### **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 various projects, the *Centre* will continue to promote the use alternative measures and influence policy development aimed at encouraging rational sentencing policies and reducing unnecessary prison populations

#### **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". An additional purpose of the project is 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

As mentioned earlier in the 2005 Outcomes, progress continues to be made on this programme, as the collaborative relationship with our Chinese counterparts continues to strengthen. The objectives for 2006-2007 are to deliver on the remaining mandates as defined in our jointly created Annual Workplans. The *Centre* continues to work 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).

As in the past, the *Centre's* team for the China Program and its Chinese counterparts will continue to apply six methodologies during Year IV:

- Joint research for law/justice reforms,
- Field/investigative studies in China,
- Study tours and/or exchange visits,
- Conferences or workshops,
- Development of training materials and
- Information dissemination through lectures/seminars and publications.

## II. INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

### DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CANADA LECTURE SERIES

The International 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 is once again assisting with the organization of what is now the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 a four-week Summer Law Program in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, from May 23 to June 24, 2006. The program offers a variety of academic and social experiences. 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. This 2006 programme will include a distinguished guest lecture by the Hon. Mr. Justice William Ian Corniel Binnie of the Supreme Court of Canada.

### UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

As an inter-regional 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. In particular the *Centre* proposes to contribute to the PNI workshop at the upcoming 15<sup>th</sup> UN Crime Commission. The PNI are organizing a workshop that will focus on the effectiveness of technical assistance and some solutions for the future.

In addition the Centre plans to cooperate with UNODC, DPKO, and the Commission of the European Union to deliver a workshop that will in a practical way assist with engaging the thematic discussion on "Maximizing the effectiveness of technical assistance provided to Member States in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice", also to be held during the fifteenth session.

## PUBLIC & PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND 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.





## **PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK 2006-2007**

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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.

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

The Centre has submitted a funding request to Foreign Affairs Canada, Human Security Programme, to undertake, on behalf of the Government of Canada, a programme of work promoting the ratification of the Rome Statute of the ICC in China and Asia. The Centre has proposed to work in collaboration with the Research Centre of Criminal Jurisprudence (RCCJ) of the Beijing Normal University. The Centre has proposed a two year project which includes activities such as holding five regional workshops in China, and two international workshops. In addition, the proposal includes:

- printing of an ICC Fact Sheet booklet in Chinese
- participation of Chinese scholars at the ASP
- maintaining a web site of the network for ICC research in China
- and conducting six intensive research sessions in China

RCCJ has already organized and conducted one of the five regional workshops in conjunction with the Asian Legal Research Centre (ALRC) in Hong Kong.

### **II. ENHANCING COMMUNITY PROTECTION IN THE RELEASE OF DETAINED OFFENDERS; INTER-JURISDICTIONAL & INTER-AGENCY ISSUES & RESOLUTIONS**

Over the past ten years, the use of judicial restraint orders (Section 810.1 and 810.2 CCC) in relation to federal offenders being released from custody has presented the Canadian criminal justice system with a series of significant challenges. These challenges achieved national attention with the warrant expiry and release of Karla Homolka. The issue has also received considerable attention by the Pacific Region of

the National Joint Committee (NJC) of Senior Criminal Justice Officials, the BC Association of Chiefs of Police (BCACP) and the respective agencies they represent. The ICCLR is in an excellent position to play a significant leadership and coordination role in supporting an experts meeting in June 2006, to review the detained offender release process, identify gaps and propose solutions to the identified shortcomings. The Centre has submitted a proposal to the Corrections Directorate, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness (PSEP) Canada. Both NJC and BCACP have indicated they are fully supportive of this proposed initiative.

### III. 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.

### IV. 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 – a mandate that has been reinforced in the directives given to the UN Terrorism Prevention Branch at the 14<sup>th</sup> UN Commission in May, 2005 in Vienna. 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 the finalization of the manual for judges and prosecutors related to international cooperation on criminal matters related to terrorism; some technical assistance activities in Latin America to be undertaken jointly in full cooperation with ILANUD which is our common counter-part in the region; and to revise and 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.

## V. ANTI-CORRUPTION STRATEGIES

Canada is actively working with the UN in the development of a new global legal instrument against corruption as called for in the Vienna Declaration. In view of the *Centre's* previous work in this field, the *Centre* proposes to support Canada's effort in this regard and to contribute to the UN Global Programme to Combat Corruption in the areas of commercial and financial fraud, honest justice systems, good governance, and the development of an international strategy against corruption.

## VI. 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. The overall objective of the project is to develop 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. The *Centre* proposes to organize an experts meeting in 2006 - 2007 to finalize the set of reporting guidelines for consideration by the Conference of States Parties to the TOC Convention.

## VI. 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.

## CONCLUSION & NEXT STEPS

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2005- 2006 was a year in which the Centre maintained and progressed on its core programme of work, specifically in our China Programmes, our Corrections and Prison Reform initiatives, Human Trafficking and Counter-Terrorism. We continued to build on our capacity and network in the area of Restorative Justice, winning new contracts and developing new, and substantial relationships. Several of the initiatives undertaken by the Centre in 2005-2006 have a high propensity to result in additional or expanded contracts in 2006-2007, building from the foundation of work to date.

We have deepened our relationships with our partners, colleagues and host countries; enabling greater collaboration and results across the board. We have secured new and expanded project funding, and will continue to pursue additional funding support. As previously stated, the growth of our delivery capacity, and our capacity for excellence, requires more consistent, reliable and stable funding in order to professionally manage our expert partners and consultants.

2006 - 2007 is a year in which we will expand several of our flagship programs into new areas, and in which, as we have outlined in this document, we seek to deliver new and critical services in areas of the world that cry out for Canada's continued leadership and support.

And it is with the *support* of our partners; the Department of Justice Canada, Corrections Canada, UBC, The International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, Foreign Affairs Canada, The Office of The Attorney General of BC, Simon Fraser University, Department of Public Safety, RCMP and CIDA, that we dedicate ourselves to once again meeting and exceeding our goals for the next Fiscal Year.

## BACKGROUND

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The International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy 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.

## 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 and Emergency Preparedness, 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 *International 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 *International 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.

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