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IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

[International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC)]

ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION BY THE
INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRIME (ICPC)
TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Department of International Affairs/Secretariat for External Relations to provide information to the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) on the civil society organization (CSO) *International Centre for the Prevention of Crime*.

The information contained in this report is provided pursuant to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), "Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities," and includes a summary and a list of data and documentation presented by the *International Centre for the Prevention of Crime* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

The *International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC)* is a nongovernmental non-profit organization founded on March 30, 1994, in Montreal, Canada, as a forum for information exchange on crime prevention-related subjects.

ICPC focuses on helping countries and municipalities improve community safety and reduce crime and violence through the implementation of policies, strategies, technical assistance, and effective and sustainable prevention actions.

ICPC operates as a network of public, private, and nongovernmental entities. Its members include the following organizations: the Australian Crime Prevention Council, the Bogotá Chamber of Commerce, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, the European Forum for Urban Safety, the German Congress on Crime Prevention, the Institute for Security Studies, the International Agency for Crime Prevention, Criminal Law and Jurisdiction, the National Urban League, of the United States, the United Nations Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Crime Prevention Programme (UNODC), and the National Crime Prevention Council of Norway, among others.

ICPC receives contributions from Canadian local government, the Australian Government Attorney-General's Department, the Police of Norway, and the Ministry of Interior of Chile, among others. It also executes projects financed by Public Security Canada, the Government of France, the City of Montreal, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), the Open Society Institute (OSI), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and the International Center for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy (ICCLR), among others.

ICPC submitted its request for registration with the OAS on February 19, 2010.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment of the CSO

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Date established: 30 March 1994

3. Primary areas of activity of the CSO and their relationship to OAS activities

The main activity of the *ICPC* is crime prevention through the exchange of information and experiences via centers of knowledge and of cooperation. The following activities of the organization bear some relation to the work of the OAS:

- Providing support to governments in implementing prevention programs and mutual information exchange through cooperation centers;
- Conducting studies on international trends in crime and crime prevention and providing information to the international community on developments in the areas of crime and crime prevention measures; and
- Holding specialized international meetings of organizations on the subjects of prevention, experiences, measures developed, and training.

4. CSO contributions that could be of interest to the OAS

ICPC carries out its activities by means of training program development, publications, socio-legal research, and participation in peaceful alternative dispute resolution processes. Contributions already made by the organization and that might be of interest to the OAS include:

- Holding forums, conferences, and seminars and producing reports on matters of public security, crime prevention, youth violence and violence against women, political violence in the region, police systems, gangs, judicial systems, and prevention trends and prospects, among others, through centers of knowledge, exchange, and expertise;

- Cooperating with various national agencies of the Hemisphere to facilitate the exchange and analysis of crime prevention information, as well as exchanging professional practices; and
- Creating international networks of governmental and nongovernmental experts for information exchange on crime prevention, assistance to victims of violence, dispute resolution, and community safety, among others.

5. **Identification of the OAS work areas in which the CSO proposes to support ongoing activities or to make recommendations on the best way to achieve OAS objectives**

Contributions already made by the organization and that might be of interest to the OAS include:

- Offering recommendations on crime prevention to the Committee on Hemispheric Security of the Permanent Council and the Working Group to Prepare a Regional Strategy to Promote Inter-American Cooperation in Dealing with Criminal Gangs;
- Assisting the Inter-American Observatory on Security of the Department of Public Security (DSP) in compiling and presenting statistical information on public security-related policies, programs, and decisions;
- Supporting the work of the Department of Public Security of the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security, especially its Inter-American Police Training Program (PICAP) and other activities to promote measures to control and prevent crime and violence by transferring experiences, exchanging information, and analyzing political action by the countries of the inter-American system;
- Sharing with the Justice Studies Center of the Americas (JSCA) of the OAS research and experiences related to dispute resolution processes;
- Assisting the Department of Sustainable Democracy and Special Missions (DSDSM) of the Secretariat for Political Affairs in promoting prevention and peaceful dispute resolution mechanisms, with civil society participation;
- Providing the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) with documentation and analysis based on the expertise of the various centers for cooperation, knowledge, and exchange;
- Providing support to the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) in designing programs to provide instruction to women, adolescents, and children on the subject of violence and peaceful dispute resolution; and
- Providing assistance to the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) in developing programs for children on methods for resolving disputes in schools.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter addressed to the OAS Secretary General, dated February 19, 2010
- Articles of incorporation
- Bylaws
- Mission statement
- Activity report for 2009
- Financial statements for 2008 and 2009 (audited by Gosselin and Associés Limitée)