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on

Responding to the Challenges of Transnational Crime

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Prevention

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The aims of the conference are:

- To examine the emergence of transnational crime as a major phenomenon of the late twentieth century
- To elucidate and explore the dimensions and dynamics of transnational crime with particular emphasis on trafficking in a wide range of commodities
- To explore the implications and impact of transnational crime
- To examine the response of the international community to transnational crime and to identify additional areas for both innovative research and policy innovations

FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 1998

15.00 - 15.30

OPENING SESSION

Addresses by local, national and international Authorities
(Mayor of Courmayeur, Minister of Justice of Italy, Minister of Interior of Italy)

15.30 - 16.00

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Pino Arlacchi, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations; Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna; Executive Director United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention
On Illegal Markets

16.00 - 17.00

PANEL I: TRANSNATIONAL CRIME

The purpose of this panel is to establish a conceptual framework for the rest of the Conference. It looks at the nature of transnational crime, the reasons for its emergence and the relationship between criminal organizations and market forces.

Chair:

M. Cherif Bassiouni, Chair a.i. of ISPAC Executive Board; President, International Association of Penal Law and International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences; Professor of Law; President, International Human Rights Law Institute, De Paul University, Chicago, USA

Transnational Crime: Definitions and Concepts

Gerhard O. W. Mueller, Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University, Newark, USA

The Rise of Transnational Crime

Nikos Passas, Department of Criminal Justice, Temple University, Philadelphia, USA

The Political Economy of Transnational Crime

Sandeep Chawla, Senior Research Co-ordinator, UNDCP, Austria, Vienna

Transnational Crime: Pyramids, Networks, and other Structures

Phil Williams, Director, Ridgway Center for International Security Studies, Pittsburgh, USA

17.00 - 17.30 Break

17.30 - 19.30

PANEL II: TRANSNATIONAL CRIMES AND MARKETS

The purpose of this section is to examine the market dynamics in different commodities that are typically trafficked across national borders. To facilitate comparison and provide an overall coherence to the panel, the papers done in this section should be written within a specified framework that includes:

- the scale of the market
- the dynamics of the market (supply driven factors, demand driven etc.)
- the size of the market
- the structure of the market (the extent to which it is organized)
- the major actors in the market (criminal organization)
- market barriers or impediments and how they are overcome

Chair:

Giorgio Lattanzi, Director-General, Penal Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Italy

Trafficking in Women and Children for Sexual Exploitation

Livia Pomodoro, Secretary and Standing Coordinator of the Functional and Resource Committees, ISPAC; President, Juvenile Court of Milan, Italy

Wildlife Trafficking

World Wildlife Fund (subject to confirmation)

Arms Trafficking

Thomas Naylor, Professor, McGill University, Department of Economics, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Security of Material, the IAEA's Programme Against Illicit Trafficking in Nuclear Materials and Other Radioactive Sources

Anita Nilson, Co-ordinator of the IAEA's (International Atomic

Energy Agency) programme Security Material

Drug Money and Emerging Markets

Douglas Keh, Political Analyst, UNDCP Research Section, Vienna, Austria

19.30 - 20.00 **General Discussion**

SATURDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 1998

09.00 - 12.30 **PANEL III: RELATIONSHIPS, IMPLICATIONS AND IMPACT OF TRANSNATIONAL CRIME**

This panel will examine the cost and impact of transnational crime with particular attention to the various ways in which transnational crime impacts on economic, social and political life.

Chair:

Paolo Bernasconi, Attorney-at-Law, Lecturer at the University of St. Gall, Zürich and Milan ("L. Bocconi"), Lugano, Switzerland

Computer Assisted Crime

Peter Grabosky Director of Research, Australian Institute of Criminology, Canberra, Australia

Drug Trafficking and the Economics of the Drug Trade

Francisco Thoumi, Independent Researcher and Consultant, Arlington, USA

Piracy and Maritime Fraud

Eric Ellen, ICC Commercial Crime Service, Barking, United Kingdom

Transnational Fraud Schemes

Michael Levi, Professor of Criminology; Director, White-Collar Organised Crime Research Unit, Cardiff University

Transnational Smuggling

Cyrille Fijnaut, Professor of Criminology and Criminal Law, Katholieke University, Leuven, Belgium

11.00 - 11.30 Break

Financial Flows in Crime

Thomas Naylor, Professor, McGill University, Department of

Economics, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Money Laundering and Crime Profits

Alessandro Pansa, Director, Servizio Centrale Operativo, National Italian Police, Ministry of Interior, Italy

12.30 - 13.00 **General Discussion**

15.30 - 17.00 **PANEL IV: RELATIONSHIPS, IMPLICATIONS AND IMPACT OF TRANSNATIONAL CRIME (SECOND PART)**

Chair:

Francesco Bastagli, Officer-in-Charge, Centre for International Crime Prevention, UNOV, Vienna, Austria

Trafficking in People: The Human Rights Dimension

UNHCHR Geneva (subject to confirmation)

Impact of Minority Participation in Transnational Crime

Frank Bovenkerk, Professor Dr., Willem Pompe Institut of Criminal Sciences, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands

The Counter Effects of Transnational Crime on Drug Supply Countries: the case of Colombia

Alejandro Reyes Posada, Professor, Institute of Political Studies and International Relations, University of Colombia

17.00 - 17.30 Break

17.30 - 19.00 **General Discussion on Panels III and IV**

SUNDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 1998

9.00 - 11.00 **PANEL V: RESPONDING TO TRANSNATIONAL CRIME**

Chair:

Matti Joutsen, Director, HEUNI, Helsinki, Finland

Reinforcing the International Legal System in Combating Transnational Crime

Giuseppe Di Gennaro, Italy

Convention on Organized Crime

Alberto Bradanini, Officer-in-Charge, UNICRI, Rome, Italy

INTERPOL

Serge Sabourin, Assistant Director in Charge of Communication,
ICPO-INTERPOL, Lyon, France

EUROPOL

Emanuele Marotta, Member of Management Team, Europol Drugs
Unit, Den Haag, The Netherlands

New Strategies

Roy Godson, President, National Strategy Information Center;
Professor of Government, Georgetown University, USA

Debate

11.00 - 11.30

Break

11.30 - 12.30

General Discussion

12.30 - 13.00

CLOSING SESSION

Summary Report

Gerhard O. W. Mueller, ISPAC Standing Rapporteur
William S. Laufer, Deputy to the Standing Rapporteur

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