

Commonwealth country can apply to the government of that country for a transfer to Canada. The prisoner would have to have at least six months of the sentence left to serve and have completed all appeals. If both governments approved the transfer, the prisoner would be brought back to Canada to serve the sentence in a Canadian correctional institution. The sentence of the foreign court would be treated as a sentence of a Canadian court. The appropriate parole board would decide on parole on the basis of Canadian law.

As well on July 7, 1994, Canada signed the Inter-American Convention on Serving Criminal Sentences Abroad which was adopted in July 1993 by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States. This Convention provides for transfer of offenders between states members of the OAS which ratify the Convention.