

Canadian Criminal Justice Association

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Canadian Criminal Justice Association is an independent voluntary organization working for an improved criminal justice system. Recognizing that the criminal justice system must serve the needs of all people, the Canadian Criminal Justice Association is an umbrella organization representing all elements of the criminal justice system, including the public. It exists to promote rational, informed, and responsible debate in order to develop a more humane, equitable, and effective justice system.

The Canadian Criminal Justice Association is committed to providing the public, criminal justice participants, and concerned observers with balanced information and education on justice issues through: publications, conferences, seminars, congress and training opportunities. The CCJA aims to: create opportunities for debate, consult and advise, initiate change, monitor progress and strive for improvement in a variety of areas. The Association's drive for improvement encompasses crime prevention, community-based programs, public policy, justice programs and services, and legislation. Additionally, the Association is an advocate of fairness, equity and protection of rights.

The CCJA has been active in advocacy efforts to strengthen controls on legal arms transfers to reduce their misuse and diversion to illegal markets.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Building good governance and transparency*

CCJA has expertise related to security sector reform and conflict resolution. The CCJA is a national forum where all views can come together in order to achieve consensus around issues, directions, policy and the law to work towards an integrated approach to community safety.

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition building*

The CCJA also publishes the Canadian Journal of Criminology. This is a scientific journal containing in-depth articles based on research and experimentation with subscribers in more than 35 countries. This publication appeals to justice administrators, researchers and practitioners, academics, and to anyone wishing to keep abreast of recent criminological findings and opinions.