

Prisoners considering whether to apply for transfer should be aware that such an action will also involve the transmittal of their criminal record to Canada. This can be a key factor in the consideration of whether or not to apply, particularly for those with shorter sentences.

Canada currently has transfer agreements in effect with Bolivia, France, Mexico, Peru, Thailand and the United States. Furthermore, through a multilateral convention concluded under the aegis of the Council of Europe, transfers may be undertaken with Austria, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and some of its colonies, and the United States.

## Afterword

As a relative or friend of a Canadian imprisoned abroad you may find that you are called upon to carry a considerable emotional and financial burden over an extended period. Departmental officials with experience in dealing with the problems of incarcerated Canadians understand how difficult this situation can be and can provide helpful advice.

It is hoped that this handbook will answer most of your questions. Should you require additional information, please contact:

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