

The transfer program is designed to promote the rehabilitation of offenders by enabling them to serve the remainder of their sentences in the country of which they are nationals, close to family and friends. The Ministry of the Solicitor General will be responsible for the implementation of arrangements under the Convention. At present 74 Canadians are serving jail terms in member States of the Council of Europe.

This is Canada's seventh treaty on the transfer of offenders: bilateral agreements are in force with France, Mexico, Peru, and the United States, while those with Bolivia and Thailand await ratification.

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