

International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy, University of British Columbia

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The International Centre's mission is to improve the quality of justice through reform of criminal law, policy, and practice. The Centre promotes democratic principles, the rule of law and respect for human rights in criminal law and the administration of criminal justice, domestically, regionally and globally. The primary role of the Centre is to provide advice, information, research and proposals for policy development and legislation. Since information and knowledge are primary, the Centre is actively involved in education and training. Where appropriate, the Centre also provides technical assistance to governments and other agencies.

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

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Information sharing among relevant institutions, including the establishment of relevant coordination agencies*

The Centre looks to establish information exchanges concerning the implementation and effectiveness of the UN norms and standards in crime prevention and criminal justice.

Legal Assistance -- *Providing legal assistance and advice*

The Centre is committed to providing means of assistance, particularly to developing countries, for more effective crime prevention and more humane justice.