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Dear Professor Gerbner,

For several years, ISPAC has been organizing conferences on topics of major concern to policy-makers in general and law enforcement agencies and NGOs in particular. In 1994, for instance, ISPAC held a conference in Courmayeur on "Preventing and Controlling Money Laundering and the Use of the Proceeds of Crime: A Global Approach", the results of which were informing directly the First World Ministerial Conference on Transnational Crime in Naples in November 1994 and the United Nations General Assembly in New York. Last year, ISPAC organized an international conference on 'Migration and Crime: Global and Regional Problems and Responses', which originated from an ancillary workshop ISPAC had organized in 1995 on the occasion of the United Nations Ninth Congress on the Prevention of Crime held in Cairo, Egypt.

The theme of this year's conference is '**Violent Crime and Conflict. Towards Early Warning and Prevention Mechanisms**'. It is to be held - under the auspices of the Ministry of Justice of Italy - from 4 to 6 October 1997, in Courmayeur Mont Blanc (Italy) and is organized, with the support of the Courmayeur Foundation, in cooperation with the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division of the United Nations Office at Vienna and FEWER, the Forum on Early Warning and Early Response which consists of representatives from international agencies (UNHCR and UNDHA), academia and NGOs. The basic idea behind this conference is to bring together experts and practitioners from two different fields - crime and conflict - and involve them in a fruitful exchange of ideas and practices in the area where both phenomena manifest themselves in violence. The goal is to search for common indicators to forecast criminal and political violence and to develop more comprehensive mechanisms of prevention in both fields.

For this conference we invite some twenty Speakers and eighty other experts and policy-makers for two and one half days of intensive exchange of insights, indicators and practices, including two (optional) evening workshops on 'Tools of Crime and Conflict Prevention'. We have identified leading experts and practitioners from various backgrounds in the expectation that a seminal intellectual confrontation will ensue which will lead to a real and synergistic advance in the field of forecasting and preventing political and criminal violence.

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We would like to invite you to be one of our distinguished Speakers and experts and join us on this occasion in the majestic surrounding of the Mont Blanc mountain massive at Courmayeur. On the enclosed draft program you will see which topic we suggest for your contribution. We offer you free hospitality in a first-class hotel and transport from either Geneva or Milan to the conference site. We would also consider the possibility of contributing, if necessary, to your (APEX) air travel to Geneva or Milan.

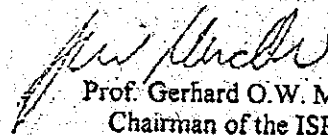
Please let us know at your earliest convenience (through fax No. 0039/2/72.00.84.31) whether you are in a position to accept this invitation. As you may well imagine we need to finalize the programme within the next few days and in any case before disseminating the information to a larger audience.

We thank you warmly in advance and remain, with best regards

Yours sincerely,



Prof. Alex P. Schmid  
Scientific Conference Coordinator,  
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## **VIOLENT CRIME AND CONFLICT Towards Early Warning and Prevention Mechanisms**

Courmayeur Mont Blanc, Italy  
4-6 October 1997

in cooperation with  
*United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV)  
Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division (CPCJD)  
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The auspices of the Ministry of Justice of Italy will be requested

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Criminologists and sociologists both recognize the importance of social cohesion for the prevention of harmful anti-social behaviour. They acknowledge the importance of community values for the maintenance of social order and agree that social disintegration and fragmentation stand at the cradle of a great deal of politically-motivated as well as crime-related violence. The probable (existence of) common determinants of both types of anti-social behaviour suggest that a timely monitoring of social, political and economic signals pointing towards escalation of latent tensions into manifest violence opens the possibility for prophylactic intervention. In the field of conflict studies, root causes and early warning, research has finally elicited the attention it properly deserves. In the field of criminology there have been considerable advances in the determination of factors foreshadowing the occurrence of violent criminal behaviour and the analysis of crime trends.

New fields of research and action often open up at the interface between key concepts, such as 'Crime' and 'Conflict'. Given the fact that violence is a common crime and conflict related theme, ISPAC plans to bring together experts on violent crime, social conflict and civil strife so that they can compare, exchange and further develop indicators of violent behaviour, explore under what circumstances violence assumes a more criminal or a more political expression, and what can be done to curtail (if not present) it, or at least mitigate its impact.

The early detection of violence-prone actors, processes, and structures gains its full significance only when combined with the development of strategic responses based on a broad scale of prevention mechanisms that can be applied to critical situations. We think, in this context, not exclusively in terms of measures to be taken by the State. But the State has often reacted repressively rather than prophylactically, thereby initiating a spiral of violence that has made actual solutions less likely. The demand for tough measures from sectors of society confronted with political and criminal violence, while understandable, is not very helpful when it comes to defusing critical situations and initiating processes of healing, reconciliation and restoration.

At this ISPAC conference equal attention will be given to discussing early responses in the form of preventive action for both violent crime and domestic political conflict. At the same time, there will also be a focus on the positive identification of the correlates of social harmony and cohesion and means of maximizing them. The existence of strong and weak societies is closely linked to the one of legitimacy of the state and the degree of inequality within and between societies. When market forces and the state block the development of certain groups in society, social conflict is the likely result with both criminal and political violence escalating, sometimes to the point of a humanitarian crisis.

The avoidance of such trends can be sought in the reduction of differences, in the integration rather than the polarization of social diversity so that the door is opened to mutual enrichment and progress rather than towards a violent zero-sum game of exclusion and expulsion from the political and socio-economic community.

In hosting this international conference, ISPAC is acting in line with the Guiding Principles for Crime Prevention first enunciated in 1985 in Milan during the VIIIth *UN Congress on Crime Prevention*. It is also in line with the more recent General Assembly Resolution 46/152 which called for the "systematic pooling, analysis and dissemination of early-warning information", with ECOSOC Resolution 1990/22 and other recent United Nations policy directives

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## DRAFT PROGRAMME

(subject to changes due to pending confirmation by some of the Speakers)

Saturday, 4 October 1997

09.30 - 10.00

### Opening Session

Addresses by local, national and international Authorities

### 1. CAUSES, MEASURES & MIRRORS

10.00 - 13.00

#### Chairman

**Adedokun A. Adeyemi**, Department of Public Law,  
University of Lagos, Nigeria

#### *Root Causes of Crime and Conflict*

**Alex P. Schmid**, PIOOM Foundation, The Netherlands

#### *Magnitudes and Trends in Violent Crime: National, Regional and Global Developments*

**Jeremy Travis**, Director, National Institute of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

#### *Questions/ Debate*

#### *Antecedents of Collective Political Violence: Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches*

**Barbara Harff**, Naval Academy, Annapolis, USA

#### *Questions/ Debate*

15.30 - 19.00

#### Chairman:

**Livia Pomodoro**, Secretary and Standing-Coordinator of  
the Functional and Resource Committees of ISPAC, Italy

#### *Magnitudes and Trends in Violent Intra-State Conflicts*

**Peter Wallensteen**, Uppsala University, Sweden

#### *Common Indicators of Political Conflict and Violent Crime*

**T.R. Gurr**, Distinguished Scholar, Center for International  
Development and Conflict Management, University of  
Maryland, College Park, USA

#### *Questions/ Debate*

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*Media Violence and Violent Youth Crimes: a Controversial Relationship*

**George Gerbner**, Retr. Dean of the Annenberg School of Journalism, USA

*Questions/ Debate*

*Media and Genocide: Are Public Media Useful for Early Warning or Creating Political Will for Early Response?*

**Howard Adelman**, York University, Canada

**Panel Discussion of Speakers with Questions from the Audience**

**21.00 Workshop (optional)**, Chaired by **Ineke Haen Marshall**, University of Nebraska, Omaha, USA. "*The Tools of Crime Prevention*": demonstration by **Irvin Walter**, Director General of the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime, Montreal (Quebec), Canada

Sunday, 5 October 1997

**2. PREVENTION**

09.30 - 13.00

*Chairman:*

**J.J.M. van Dijk**, Ministry of Justice, Netherlands

*Economic Participation and Social Integration as Mechanisms of Violence Prevention*

**Michel Marcus**, European Forum for Urban Safety, Paris, France

*Questions/ Debate*

*Foreigners in our Midst: Conflicts in Multicultural Societies and best Practices to deal with Them*

**Shantu Watt**, University of Bradford, United Kingdom

*Questions/ Debate*

*Strengthening Civil Society and Social Cohesion in Former Communist States, Lessons from Macedonia*

**Vera Mehta**, Advisor UNPREDEP, Skopje, Macedonia

*Questions/ Debate*

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*Post-Armistice Violence: The Upsurge of Crime after Armed Conflicts. African Examples*

**Adedokun A. Adeyemi**, Department of Public Law,  
University of Lagos, Nigeria

**Panel Discussion of Speakers with Questions from the Audience**

15.30 - 19.00

*Chairman:*

**Sanford Jaffe**, Director, Center for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., USA

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**Andrea Riccardi**, President, Comunità di Sant'Egidio, Rome, Italy

*Questions/ Debate*

*Teaching Human Rights, Laws of War, and Conflict Resolution in Conflict Zones*

**Anna R. Korula**, UNTAES, Croatia

*Questions/ Debate*

*Strengthening National and International Justice Systems: Criminal Justice Reform and International Tribunals*

**Roger S. Clark**, Rutgers Law School, Camden, N.J., USA

*Questions/ Debate*

*The Role of the UN and Regional Security Organizations in Early Warning, Preventive Diplomacy and Humanitarian Interventions*

**Sharon Rusu**, UN/DHA (United Nations Department of Humanitarian Affairs), Geneva

**Panel Discussion of Speakers with Questions from the Audience**

**21.00 Workshop (optional)**, Chaired by **Hayward R. Alker**, Coordinator of the Conflict Early Warning Systems Research Programme of the International Social Science Council, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA. " *The Tools of Conflict Prevention* " demonstration by **Michael Lund**, Creative Associates, Inc., Washington, D.C., USA



Monday, 6 October 1997

### 3. SHARING RESPONSIBILITY

09.30 - 12.30

*Chairman:*

**M. Cherif Bassiouni**, De Paul University, Chicago, USA

*The Responsibility of Business Corporations in Crime and Conflict Prevention*

**Minoru Shikita**, Chairman, Asia Crime Prevention Foundation, Tokyo, Japan

*Questions/ Debate*

*The Role of NGO's in Crime and Conflict Prevention*

**Kumar Rupesinghe**, Secretary General, International Alert and the Forum on Early Warning and Early Response (FEWER), London, United Kingdom

*Questions/ Debate*

**Panel Discussion of Speakers with Questions from the Audience: Towards Complementarity and Integration in the Prevention of Violent Crime and Violent Political Conflict**

12.30 - 13.00

**Closing Session**

Conclusion and recommendations by **Gerhard O.W. Mueller** ISPAC Standing-Rapporteur

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Coffee breaks will be served at 11.00 and 17.00

Official languages: English, French and Italian with simultaneous interpretation.

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The General Assembly of the United Nations, in its resolution 45/107 (Annex, para.28), called for broader involvement of, and assistance by, non-governmental organizations in order to fully implement the mandates emerging from the crime prevention and criminal justice programme and to provide additional technical and scientific expertise and resources for international co-operation in this field. The Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, in its resolution on Guiding Principles for Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in the Context of Development (para.46), also called for more intensive efforts to secure support and co-operation from scientific and professional organizations and institutions with an established reputation in the field, so as to make greater use of those resources at the subregional, regional, interregional and international levels, and proposed establishing an international council of scholarly, scientific, research and professional organizations and academic institutions to strengthen international cooperation in crime prevention and criminal justice by furthering the exchange of information and providing technical and scientific assistance to the United Nations and the world community which it serves. Pursuant to these mandates, the International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme (ISPAC) was constituted. The constituent assembly of ISPAC, attended by some seventy representatives of non-governmental organizations and academic institutions and associations, from all regions, was convened at Milan, Italy, from 21 to 23

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different organizations, disciplines and geographical areas.

A functional committee on information networking and resource committees on major issues were also established, and a programme of workshops and other activities envisaged.

#### An opportunity and an invitation

The establishment of the ISPAC affords the international professional and scholarly community active in crime prevention and criminal justice an opportunity to contribute to the work of the United Nations in this field and to help in all aspects of programme execution, in accordance with the directives of United Nations policy-making bodies.

An invitation to join the International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council is being extended to all organizations with expertise in crime prevention and criminal justice and with an interest in participating in the Council's work.

A computerized data base has been developed for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, including the interregional and regional institutes. It contains relevant information that can be utilized in establishing collaborative networks to advance actions, research and training, promote the application of United Nations standards and guidelines, and foster appropriate reforms. The data base should help to strengthen international cooperation in crime prevention and criminal justice. It is now accessible through UNOJUST (United Nations Online Crime and Justice Clearinghouse) Network on Internet, of which ISPAC is a member.

September, 1991). The tasks of the Council were defined as channeling to the United Nations professional and scientific input and creating a capacity for the transfer of knowledge and exchange of information in crime prevention and criminal justice, drawing on the contributions of non-governmental organizations, academic institutions and other relevant entities, so as to assist the United Nations in programme formulation and implementation in this field and provide access to the services and expertise of the constituent organizations, including technical assistance, training and education, research, monitoring and evaluation.

One of the principal goals of ISPAC is to enhance the contributions of non-governmental organizations from developing countries.

The Ministerial Conference convened by the United Nations at Versailles (November 1991) and the General Assembly of the United Nations, in its resolution 46/152 (December 1991), emphasized that the non-governmental organizations and the scientific community are a valuable source of professional expertise, advocacy and assistance, and that their contributions should be fully utilized in programme development and implementation.

The Secretariat of the Council is located at the *Centro Nazionale di Prevenzione e Difesa Sociale*, in Milan, which has served as the seat of the Coordinating Committee of major NGOs active in the crime field. Dr. Adolfo Beria of Argentine, Secretary-General of the Centro, was elected as Chairman of ISPAC's Executive Board, composed of 13 members representing

#### Functional Committee

(data collection, analysis, storage, exchange and dissemination)

Gary Hill, Lincoln, NE, USA, Chair  
United Nations Crime and Justice Information Network (UNCJIN)  
World Criminal Justice Library Network (WCJLN)

#### Resource Committees

1. Victimization prevention and protection of victims
2. Early warning systems, conflict avoidance and dispute resolution
3. Crime and justice policy
4. Rights of the child, including juvenile justice
5. Correctional systems and rights
6. Human rights in criminal justice, including standards, norms and guidelines, monitoring and implementation
7. Transnational crime including money laundering and the control of proceeds of crime
8. Thresholds of legality and social change
9. Female offenders
10. The role of Penal Law in the protection of the environment

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