# Membership:

The Alliance's membership consists of NGOs in consultative status with the UN that have a substantial interest in various aspects of crime prevention, criminal justice administration, assistance to victims and the treatment of offenders. Selected NGOs not in consultative status with UN bodies, but actively dedicated to the prevention of crime and making improvements in international criminal justice may be admitted into membership.

Each organizational member is asked to contribute \$50 (U.S. funds) annually to cover the administrative expenses of the Alliance. Additional information and membership applications may be found on the Web site www.cpcjalliance.org, or obtained from the Executive Secretariat.

The Alliance and its working parties meet six times per year — on the second Friday of January, March, May, July, September and November.

#### **MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS:**

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences American Correctional Association American Society of Criminology Asia Crime Prevention Foundation (ACPF) Center for Restorative Justice & Peacemaking Eleanor Roosevelt Institute for Justice & Peace Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) International Association Against Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking International Association of Penal Law International Bureau for Children's Rights International Centre for Sociological Penal & Penitentiary Research & Studies International Community Corrections Association International Institute for Restorative Practices

International League for Human Rights International Legal Defense Counsel International Police Association International Prisoners' Aid Association International Psychoanalytical Association International Recoveries, LLC International Social Service International Society for Social Defense International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Japanese Cultural Exchange (JCE) Penal Reform International Prison Fellowship International Restorative Justice Services The Leo Kuper Foundation Women's Federation for World Peace/Universal Peace Federation World Peace Academy World Society of Victimology

#### **Information Center:**

The Alliance has established an Information Center which both coordinates the surveys developed by individual working parties and responds to requests for assistance and/or information from individuals and governments around the world.

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# Origins:

The Alliance was formed in 1972 as a coalition of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in consultative status with the United Nations dedicated to preventing crime and improving criminal justice.

## The Alliance

- fosters humane policies that encourage the development of effective and transparent crime prevention and criminal justice strategies and practices domestically, regionally and globally;
- encourages cooperation among members of the community of nations and NGOs in addressing criminal justice policies;
- promotes multi-disciplinary approaches to developing policies and programs;
- advocates respect for the human dignity and rights of victims of crime and abuse of power and of those in conflict with the law; and
- advances the protection and restoration of the well-being of all persons and communities affected by crime.

### **Tasks**

- To encourage scholarly, scientific and practical exchange and cooperation among the diverse NGOs engaged and interested in crime prevention and criminal justice throughout the world;
- To facilitate worldwide criminal justice research, scholarship, education, training and advocacy within inter-governmental and governmental institutions as well as in academic and other public organizations and agencies;
- To enhance the collective role of Alliance members through cooperation among affiliated organizations with regard to programs, research projects, publications, conferences and other activities of mutual interest;
- To encourage the flow of information and consultation among the international NGO community, the UN Secretariat, national UN delegations, and UN bodies responsible for international policies and programs for crime prevention, in particular, the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the UN Council on Human Rights; and
- To assist the UN in identifying existing and emerging crime and justice issues, in initiating research studies and recommendations for action, and in supplying technical assistance in specific areas of Alliance competence.

## **Activities:**

The Alliance is a coalition that depends upon the active participation of its members. Its program of work is initiated by member organizations according to their particular interests and experience. Tasks are carried out by representatives of member organizations through regular meetings, consultation with UN delegations, collaboration with UN agencies and participation in Alliance working parties.

Some of the major activities undertaken by the Alliance have been:

- Coordinating ancillary meetings at UN Crime Commissions and Crime Congresses;
- Preparing and distributing booklets for delegates to UN Crime Commission and Crime Congress on such subjects as: transfer of prisoners to home countries, treatment of incarcerated foreign nationals and restorative justice;
- Producing reports such as the one on International Prison Health Care and Mothers in Prison with their Children, which documented programs in correctional systems around the world;
- Initiating and stimulating discussions at the UN on victims rights and optimal care, women's rights and alternatives to incarceration that contributed to the adoption and implementation of related UN resolutions, conventions and protocols; and
- Drafting and encouraging the adoption of documents related to criminal justice reform policies, such as the UN Basic Principles on Restorative Justice Programmes.