

Activities:

The Alliance functions as a true coalition and depends upon the active participation of its membership. Our work is identified by member organizations according to their particular interest and experience, and our tasks are carried out by representatives of member organizations through regular meetings, consultation with national UN delegations, collaboration with UN agencies, and through members coming together in Alliance working parties.

The following represent some of the major activities of the Alliance, past and present:

- Contributed to UN adopted protocol on the Transfer of Criminal Sanctions;
- Coordinated ancillary meetings at UN Crime Commissions and Crime Congresses;
- Prepared and distributed booklets for delegates at UN Crime Commission and Crime Congresses on subjects including the treatment of incarcerated foreign nationals, mothers in prison with their children, and restorative justice;
- Produced the "International Prison Health Care Report" in 1993 documenting health care in adult and juvenile correctional systems around the world; and
- Stimulated the discussion at the UN on the treatment of victims, rights of women and alternatives to incarceration.

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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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**The Alliance of Non-Governmental
Organizations (NGOs) on Crime Prevention
and Criminal Justice**

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Origins:

The Alliance was formed in 1972 as a coalition of Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) having consultative status with the United Nations and dedicated to crime prevention and criminal justice improvements. The Alliance subsequently broadened its membership to include selected NGOs not in consultative status with UN bodies, but actively interested in international crime and justice.

Organized at the instigation of William Clifford, the first Chief of the then Social Defense Section, now the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, of the UN's Social and Economic Council, the Alliance was chaired during its formative years by Professor Gerhard O.W. Mueller of the New York University School of Law, and later the Chief of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime.

The Alliance

- *fosters* humane policies, encouraging the development of effective crime prevention and criminal justice strategies and practices domestically and globally;
- *seeks* to further encourage cooperation between members of the community of nations in addressing shared justice;
- *advocates* respect for the human dignity and the rights of crime victims as well as those accused of criminality; and
- *works* to advance the protection and restoration of the well being of all persons and communities affected by criminality.

Task

Together, our task remains:

- *To bring together* in one worldwide and multi-disciplinary coalition representatives of non-governmental organizations engaged in research, teaching, practice, advocacy and reform in the fields of crime prevention and criminal justice;
- *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 foster* 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 the 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 and criminal justice, including the Centre for International Crime Prevention, the Commission on

Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; and

- *To assist* the UN in the identification of existing and emerging crime and justice issues, in the initiation of research studies and recommendations for action, and in supplying technical assistance in specific areas of Alliance competence.

Membership:

The Alliance's membership consists of NGOs having consultative status with the UN and a substantial interest in various aspects of crime prevention, criminal justice administration and the treatment of offenders. Other 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 Alliance voting member is asked to pay dues of \$50 (U.S. funds) per calendar year to cover administrative expenses of the Alliance. All dues are used in their entirety for the operations of the Alliance. If interested in joining, please log on to www.cpcjalliance.org, or contact 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 December. The January meeting is the Alliance's Annual meeting.