

**Draft PNI statement 20<sup>th</sup> May on the Salvador Declaration, K. Macdonald**

Thank you Mr. Chair, Distinguished delegates.

I will make a very brief intervention on behalf of the UN Programme Network of Institutes. We would like to thank the previous speakers and particularly the distinguished representatives from Canada and Finland..... for their timely and helpful interventions which provided good advice and reminded us of the original context and role of the Crime Congresses vis a vis the Crime Programme.

In response to the priorities of the Crime Commission and the requests of Member States, the sixteen United Nations Programme Network Institutes, also known as the PNI, have accumulated almost fifty years of experience in research, education and the delivery of technical assistance and capacity building programmes in crime prevention and criminal justice.

As the distinguished members may know, annually, the network delivers a workshop on promising practices, challenges and solutions on one of the themes of the Commission, and the practical application of the Standards and Norms in crime prevention and criminal justice. Every five years, they support the Secretariat in preparing workshop Background Papers, expert contributions and organizing the official Workshops at the Congress.

The Congress workshops provide very substantive and practical input to the work of the Congress. Therefore, the Institutes particularly welcome Para. 9 of the Salvador Declaration, which calls on Member States to support *inter alia* the work of the Institutes.

We look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the implementation of the Salvador Declaration, and in an effort to further enhance the value of the workshops to the Congress and the Crime Programme, the PNI proposes to undertake a review on their organization and effectiveness. The PNI will report on the review at the next Commission meeting in April 2011. We also invite your comments and suggestions as part of this process.

Thank you.