

Commission of Inquiry into the Actions of Canadian Officials In Relation to Maher Arar

Policy Review

Notice

Re Roundtable of International Experts on Review and Oversight and Roundtable of Canadian Experts on Review and Oversight

Commissioner O'Connor has been mandated to base his Policy Review recommendations on an examination of domestic and international models of review, as well as on an assessment of how a review mechanism would interact with existing review mechanisms.

The Commission has published a number of papers to assist with this process. These include the Consultation Paper, which lists a number of options for a review mechanism for the RCMP's national security activities; and background papers which canvass Domestic Models of Review of Police Forces, Accountability of Security Intelligence in Canada, and International Models of Review and Oversight of Police Forces and Security Intelligence Agencies. Additional background papers will be released by the Commission and will be posted on the website as soon as they are published.

In order to further public dialogue about these and other review options, and to assist in formulating his recommendations, the Commissioner has invited Canadian and international experts on models of review and oversight to participate in Roundtable discussions. The Roundtables will canvass the experts' observations on and/or experience with various review features and options.

The **Roundtable of International Experts on Review and Oversight** will take place on May 20th, 2005. It will be held in Ottawa at the Old City Hall, located at 111 Sussex Drive, and will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude at 5:00 PM. There will be an opportunity for members of the public to direct questions or comments to the panellists both in the morning and in the afternoon. The following is a list of confirmed participants:

- **Hans Born** (Geneva Center for Democratic Control of Armed Forces, Switzerland)
- **Iain Cameron** (University of Uppsala, Sweden)
- **Marina Caparini** (Geneva Center for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces, Switzerland)
- **Peter Gill** (Liverpool John Moores University, United Kingdom)
- **Ian Leigh** (University of Durham, United Kingdom)
- **Nuala O'Loan** (Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland, United Kingdom)

The **Roundtable of Canadian Experts on Review and Oversight** will take place on June 10th, 2005. It will be held in Ottawa at the Old City Hall, located at 111 Sussex Drive, and will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude at 5:00 PM. There will be an opportunity for members

of the public to direct questions or comments to the panellists both in the morning and in the afternoon. The following is a list of confirmed participants:

- **Warren Allmand** (International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group)
- **Reem Bahdi** (University of Windsor)
- **Commissioner Gwen Boniface** (Ontario Provincial Police)
- **Alan Borovoy** (Canadian Civil Liberties Association)
- **Stuart Farson** (Simon Fraser University)
- **Norman Inkster** (Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP, Toronto)
- **Commissioner Dirk Ryneveld** (Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner, B.C.)
- **Wesley Wark** (University of Toronto)

For more information on the Roundtables, please contact Sanjay Patil, Legal Counsel, at (613) 996-4741 or inquiry.admin@bellnet.ca.