

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

## Policy Review

### Notice re Commissioner O'Connor's Examination of International Review Models

Commissioner O'Connor has been mandated to make his Policy Review recommendations in part based on an examination of international review models.

In December 2004, the Commission published a background paper on International Models of Review and Oversight of Police Forces and Security Intelligence Agencies. This paper set out the Commission's preliminary research on review models in eight countries: Australia, Belgium, Germany, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, and the United States.

Commissioner O'Connor is conducting further research on these models, in part through direct consultation with the agencies identified in the International Models paper. Below is a list of the agencies that Commission representatives have met or from whom they have otherwise gathered information.

The Commission's consultations with agencies in these countries continue. Commissioner O'Connor also looks forward to the Roundtable of International Experts on Review and Oversight Models, and the Roundtable of Canadian Experts on Review and Oversight Models, to be held in Ottawa on May 20<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup> respectively. For more information, please see the [Notice re Roundtables](#).

For more information on the Commissioner's examination of international review models, please contact Andrea Wright, Legal Counsel, at (613) 996-4741 or [inquiry.admin@bellnet.ca](mailto:inquiry.admin@bellnet.ca).

| Country   | Institution                                    |
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| Australia | Commonwealth Ombudsman                         |
| Australia | Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security |

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| Belgium                           | Standing Committee for the monitoring of Intelligence Services (“Committee I”)  |
| Belgium                           | Standing Police Monitoring Committee (“Committee P”)  |
| Germany                           | G-10 Commission   |
| Germany                           | Parliamentary Control Commission  |
| New Zealand                       | Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security  |
| New Zealand                       | Police Complaints Authority   |
| Norway                            | Committee for Oversight of the Intelligence Surveillance and Security Services<br>(“Utvalget for kontroll med etterretnings-, overvåknings- og sikkerhetstjeneste”) |
| Sweden                            | Parliamentary Ombudsmen’s Office (“Riksdagens ombudsmän”)   |
| Sweden                            | Register Board (“Registernämnden”)  |
| United Kingdom                    | Independent Police Complaints Commission  |
| United Kingdom                    | Interception of Communications Commissioner   |
| United Kingdom                    | Investigatory Powers Tribunal   |
| United Kingdom                    | Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary  |
| United Kingdom                    | Office of Surveillance Commissioners  |
| United Kingdom (Northern Ireland) | Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland   |
| United States                     | Office of the Inspector General,  |

United States

Department of Justice

Office of Inspector General, Central  
Intelligence Agency

United States

Office of Inspector General,  
Department of Homeland Security