

Report of the Steering Committee, 6 July 2007

Pursuant to the Outcome Document adopted at the Meeting on the Justice Rapid Response (JRR) held in New York on 12-13 March 2007, Canada contacted Focal Points and other participants to establish a Steering Committee. The Steering Committee was formed with a view to producing an Integrated Draft Strategy for Justice Rapid Response, incorporating the Reports of all Focal Points and taking into account the observations received from all JRR participants.

Members of the Steering Committee met in Brussels on 6 July 2007 at the offices of No Peace Without Justice.¹

At that meeting, the Steering Committee considered the Reports of the Focal Points, as well as all other JRR documents.² Based on these documents and its mandate in connection with an Integrated Draft Strategy, the Steering Committee recommends the following:

- (1) That the flexible association structure outlined in the papers prepared by Sweden on the General Guidelines for Co-operation in the Justice Rapid Response (JRR) Mechanism and the Guidelines for Deployment of a Justice Rapid Response (JRR) Mechanism serve as the initial JRR coordinating mechanism.
- (2) That a Policy Group be constituted to include all interested JRR Participants and Partners.³
- (3) That the Policy Group cause to be formed a Coordinating Group to act as a “bureau” on its behalf.
- (4) That the Coordinating Group be mandated to make recommendations regarding the secretariat functions to be carried out under its oversight on behalf of the Policy Group.

The Steering Committee considers that the adoption of these recommendations would constitute the most effective way of ensuring the successful establishment of the JRR Mechanism.

¹ Participants at the Steering Committee meeting included representatives of Canada, Colombia, Finland, Sierra Leone, Sweden, the Institute for International Criminal Investigations, No Peace Without Justice and ZIF.

² These documents included the JRR Feasibility Study, the Update to the Feasibility Study and Reports from the Venice JRR Conference of June 2006 and the New York JRR Meeting of March 2007. JRR documents are available from <http://www.justicerapidresponse.org>.

³ See paragraph 2 of the General Guidelines for Co-operation in the Justice Rapid Response (JRR) Mechanism, which defines participation and partnership.