

Appendix E

Report of the APCCA Advisory Committee 24 October 1999

1. Attendance

The members of the APCCA Advisory Committee - namely, China, Malaysia, Fiji, Canada, the current and most recent conference hosts, and the APCCA Coordinator were supplemented on this occasion by representatives of Australia (NSW and NT), Brunei Darussalam, Hong Kong (China), Cambodia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Singapore, Vanuatu and Vietnam. The total attendance was 24 persons.

The APCCA Coordinator, as the convenor of the meeting, welcomed all present to this opportunity to discuss matters of mutual interest.

2. Agenda

A draft agenda, prepared by the APCCA Coordinator, provided an opportunity for w\$ideranging and informal discussion about the current operations and the future of the conference.

3. Format for discussions

It was explained by the APCCA Coordinator that in order to provide more time for discussion of agenda items, all nations would be invited to speak to agenda item one, but there would need to be a selection of those who would formally speak to the other agenda items. Delegates present at the Advisory Committee meeting were asked to give their preference in relation to agenda items two, three and four. These preferences were noted to be used as a guide by the conference chair.

4. Report on Preparations for Conference

The head of the delegation from China informed the meeting of the preparations for the conference. The Minister for Justice and the Deputy Mayor of Shanghai would address the Opening Ceremony and other senior officials would be present. Approximately 25 observers would also be present. He also reported that to date, 66 delegates from 21 nations had accepted the invitation and 11 delegates would bring companions. Arrangements for hospitality and social functions were explained.

5. Report on APCCA Fund

The APCCA Coordinator thanked the members of the APCCA Finance Sub-committee For their work during the year and called on the Convenor to report to the meeting.

Mr. C K Ng, Commissioner of Corrective Services, Hong Kong (SAR), made an informal

report and informed the committee that a written financial report would be presented to the business session of the conference.

6. Future Host Nations

The delegate from New South Wales, Australia reported that plans for the 20th APCCA in Sydney in 2000 were well under way.

At the Advisory Committee Meeting in Vancouver in 1998 the delegate from India had suggested that India could be the host in the year 2001, and the representative of the Philippines indicated that his country would consider hosting the conference in the year 2002.

It was noted that, unfortunately, neither of these countries would be represented at this conference. After some discussion it was decided that the APCCA Coordinator would try to contact the relevant office in India seeking confirmation before the closure of this conference.

7. APCCA Web Site

The APCCA Coordinator indicated that he would be reporting to conference on the successful negotiations with the Australian Institute of Criminology to establish a Web Site on the Internet for APCCA. He then asked for an indication of interest in setting up working party to advise on the operation of the Web Site. Offers were made by members from Hong Kong (SAR), Canada, Singapore and Australia (NSW). These offers were readily accepted.

8. APCCA Newsletter

Congratulations were extended to the representatives from Canada for their efforts producing two Newsletters in the past year. Discussion ensued on the decision made the 1998 conference to place the responsibility for production of the Newsletter in the hands of the host country for the year following conference. It was agreed that Canada the previous host country, would cooperate with China in the production of the Newsletter for the coming year.

9. International Corrections and Prisons Association (ICPA)

The delegate from New Zealand, Mark Byers, reported on his attendance at the recent ICPA conference held in Budapest attended by 20 nations from Europe, the Americas and China (as observer). New Zealand intends to join the Association. The APCCA Coordinator was congratulated on his election as Vice President of ICPA represent Oceania. The delegate from Canada indicated that she had literature about the ICPA and that this was available.

10. Other Business

There being no other specific business, the APCCA Coordinator expressed his than all persons present for their attendance and participation in the meeting. He then formally declared the meeting closed.