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WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS ENHANCING INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION

BANGKOK, 21 April (UN Information Service) -- A workshop on Enhancing International Law Enforcement Cooperation, including extradition measures is taking place today, as part of the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Bangkok, Thailand.

In the organization of this workshop, the United Nations *Office on Drugs and Crime* has been assisted by the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control (HEUNI), affiliated with the United Nations and the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences (ISISC).

The workshop is aimed at encouraging substantive discussions on issues related to international cooperation in criminal matters, including international law enforcement cooperation, extradition and mutual legal assistance. Further, it is expected to facilitate the exchange of views and experiences at the national and regional levels on difficulties encountered in this field, as well as on best practices to overcome them.

The workshop also provides a forum for facilitating mutual understanding among experts and practitioners from different legal systems, with a view to fostering trust and confidence in the context of day-to-day operational work and reinforcing the effectiveness of international cooperation mechanisms. It also offers the opportunity to enhance dialogue and promote discussions on technical assistance activities and projects for building the necessary capacity of national criminal justice systems in dealing effectively with international cooperation requests to combat crime.

The European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations is the European link in the network of institutes operating within the framework of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme. It was established through an agreement between the United Nations and the Government of Finland, signed on 23 December 1981, and is based in Helsinki, Finland.

The International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences (ISISC) was founded in Siracusa, Italy, in 1972 as a non-profit educational and research institution focusing on international law, criminal justice and human rights. It is a United Nations Category II non-governmental organization and part of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network.

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