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SESSION 4 Data Analysis and Reporting

Please find attached the introductory remarks by the moderator of session 4, Dr. James Nolan, West Virginia University, USA.

INTRODUCTION TO SESSION 4: DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

James J. Nolan Moderator

In order to enable government authorities to adequately respond to the social realities revealed by collected data on hate crimes and incidents, the figures and statistics have to be processed, analysed and reported. This process involves the collection and compilation of information from the police, courts and numerous other officials within the judicial system and other bodies. It also calls for the input of statisticians as well as criminologists, sociologists, researchers and other relevant experts.

This session will look at the different actors involved in process of statistics development and publication. By looking at examples, it will seek to reconstruct the route a set of data takes through the institutions of different countries. This session will also explore issues such as: How is data transferred into quantitative information? How is it analyzed and reported? How to set up and build the capacity of national institutions responsible for data collection and analysis? How to bridge the organizational/institutional gaps between those agencies that collect and report data, and those that receive, analyze and publicize data?

The presenters in this session are very impressive and have lots of important information to share. We will go in the order of the program.

The first speaker is Mr. Ulrich Kinitz, Detective Superintendent, Head of State Security Division, Police Headquarters, Münster, Germany. He will present a paper on the topic of

Processing Hate Crime Statistics.

Ulrich Kinitz embarked on his career as a police officer upon graduating from school with a German Abitur in 1977. He studied at the College of Public Administration, Bielefeld, and at the Police Management Academy Muenster. In 1999, he became Departmental Head for Criminal Matters, Statistics and Crime Prevention at the Police Headquarters of Muenster, North-Rhine Westphalia. He has served as a member on the Board for Crime Prevention of the City of Muenster and has participated in various regional and national working groups monitoring crime. In 2001, he became Head of the State Security Department of the Muenster Police Headquarters.

The second speaker is Dr. Ladislava Tejchmanova, Security Policy Department, Ministry of Interior, Czech Republic. She will speak on the topic of **Reporting Data on Hate Crimes**. From 1979 to 1993 Dr. Tejchmanova worked at the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences as a scholar and researcher. Here she specialized in the study of modern history of Central and Eastern Europe with a special focus on the Czechoslovak-Polish relations. From 1993 to the present, Dr. Tejchmanova works at the Security Policy Department of the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic. Here she specializes in public policies relating to issues of extremism, racism, and xenophobia in the Czech Republic

The third speaker is Dr. Christine Magill, Research, Development and Statistics

Directorate, Officer for Criminal Justice Reform, Home Office, UK. She will speak on
the topic **Publishing Statistics on Hate Crime**

Dr., McGill is a researcher, with over ten years experience conducting research on issues relating to the criminal justice system. Experience spans the voluntary sector, academia and, most recently, central government. Her current role is Principal Researcher with the Research, Development and Statistics (RDS) Directorate at the Office for Criminal Justice Reform (OCJR) - a cross-departmental organisation reporting to Ministers in the Home Office, Department for Constitutional Affairs and the Office of the Attorney General in England and Wales. She leads the Race Statistics and Research Section within RDS. The Section works mainly with the policy unit whose aim it is to work towards equality of treatment for people of all races across the Criminal Justice System (CJS). One of the Section's functions is to compile, produce, and disseminate statistics on race and the CJS. The Section's main output is the report 'Statistics on Race and the Criminal Justice System', an annual Home Office publication, which presents information on Black and Minority Ethnic group's experiences across the CJS.