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Paula Miraglia elected new Director General of the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime

Berlin. The Board of Directors of the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC) met in the Lower Saxony State Representation in Berlin today to elect Dr. Paula MIRAGLIA as new Director General. It was the first meeting of the ICPC Board in Germany, where it had earlier attended the 15th German Congress on Crime Prevention.

Headquartered in Montreal, Canada, the ICPC has been the only non-governmental organization worldwide to work on issues of crime prevention and international networking since its establishment 15 years ago. Outgoing Director General Valérie SAGANT has achieved significant success during her term of office. The Board of Directors thanked Sagant warmly for her work, appointing her as ICPC Honorary Member.

The ICPC has just brought out its Annual Report 2009 in which it presents new findings, working tools, cooperation agreements and international exchange programmes. Dr. Paula Miraglia, who was unanimously elected as the new Director General, had urged at the 15th German Congress on Crime Prevention that, "irrespective of the current problems with which the public budgets are faced, crime prevention must be seen as a top priority in all community and state activities fighting crime."

The German Congress on Crime Prevention represents the Federal Republic of Germany at the ICPC; its Managing Director Erich MARKS is a member of the ICPC Board of Directors.