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Criminal Intelligence Service Canada releases *2009 Report on Organized Crime*

CHARLOTTETOWN – Law enforcement agencies from Criminal Intelligence Service Canada (CISC) gathered in Charlottetown today to present the *2009 Report on Organized Crime*. CISC National Executive Committee (NEC) Chair, William J.S. Elliott (Commissioner, RCMP) presented the report, accompanied by CISC NEC Vice-Chair Richard Deschesnes (Director General, Sûreté du Québec) and other members of CISC.

The report is designed for the public and provides a national overview of criminal markets in Canada, breaking them down by category and offering analysis on how organized crime is positioned within the country. The CISC Report also features select police operations and law enforcement developments in Canada throughout the past year, highlighting the integrated, intelligence-led approach to combating organized crime.

“I think it is important to understand that organized crime continues to lie behind many of the most serious criminal threats that exist today,” said William Elliott, CISC National Executive Committee Chair and RCMP Commissioner. “Integrated, intelligence-led policing is a valuable strategy that guides policing priorities, projects and operations. Criminal Intelligence Service Canada is uniquely positioned across the country to support its advancement.”

The CISC Report examines Canada’s most prominent criminal markets including illicit drugs, and financial crime such as securities fraud and mass marketing fraud. The foundations of criminal organizations and the factors that contribute to advancing their illicit activities are also explored in the Report.

“CISC provides strategic analysis on a wide range of organized crime activities. This enables senior law enforcement officials to initiate a priority setting process for organized crime threats in provinces across the country,” said CISC Vice-chair Richard Deschesnes. “Law enforcement

partners have shared many successes this year and we wanted to highlight a few of them in this report,” he added, referring to the police operations and law enforcement developments featured throughout the Report.

While CISC is supporting the effort to combat organized crime, the public also has a role to play, said Lewis Sutherland, Chief of Police at Kensington Police Service and member of the Board of Directors of Criminal Intelligence Service PEI. “Innocent members of society are routinely impacted by organized crime both directly and indirectly. Information provided by the public is critical in helping law enforcement agencies keep our communities safe.”

About Criminal Intelligence Service Canada

CISC is a strategically-focused organization that facilitates the timely production and exchange of criminal information and intelligence within the Canadian law enforcement community. CISC supports the effort to reduce the threat caused by organized crime through the delivery of strategic intelligence products and services and by providing leadership and expertise to the criminal intelligence community. CISC’s nearly 400 members include police agencies from the federal, provincial, regional and municipal levels as well as various law enforcement, intelligence and regulatory agencies. With 10 Provincial Bureaus and a Central Bureau in Ottawa, this membership represents a truly national criminal intelligence network.

The *CISC 2009 Report on Organized Crime* is available at www.cisc.gc.ca.

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