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**Crime - International Crime Control
Strategy**

**PRESIDENT CLINTON:
FIGHTING INTERNATIONAL CRIME**

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"International crime requires an international response. America is prepared to act alone when it must, but no nation can control crime by itself. We must create a global community of crime-fighters, dedicated to protecting the innocent and bringing to justice offenders, wherever they are found."

President Bill Clinton
May 12, 1998

Today, President Clinton announces the first-ever International Crime Control Strategy (ICCS), and his intent to send to Congress the International Crime Control Act, which implements key elements of the strategy. Later this week, the President will discuss his strategy with other world leaders at the Summit of the Eight in Birmingham, England.

THE FIRST-EVER INTERNATIONAL CRIME CONTROL STRATEGY. International crime costs Americans billions of dollars each year. Our world has grown closer, and travel has become more commonplace, increasing the threat of international crime. Increasingly, international criminals victimize Americans at home and abroad. These crimes involve drugs, stolen vehicles, computer hacking, and credit card fraud, among many other crimes. The ICCS addresses these problems with an eight point plan:

- Creating a world-wide dragnet. The President's plan calls for the creation of a worldwide "dragnet" so international fugitives can be promptly extradited and brought to justice.
- Proposing global standards and goals. To ensure that all nations are ready to combat international crime, the President is proposing global standards and goals through training and technical aid.
- Sharing information with our allies. The President's plan supports cooperative efforts between our allies to share information on crime syndicates throughout the world, and with industries to protect against computer crime.
- Expanding prosecutorial authority. The President's strategy expands our authority to prosecute those who commit crimes against Americans abroad, and increases the number of law enforcement personnel working in conjunction with our embassies so criminals can be identified before they attack Americans.
- Strengthening our borders. The President's plan strengthens our borders by hiring 1,000 new Border Patrol agents, using new technology to catch those who cross our borders illegally, and stiffening penalties for those who smuggle contraband across our borders.
- Barring entry to international fugitives. The President's plan calls for strict provisions that bar international fugitives, drug or arms traffickers from entering our country, and to expel them if they attempt to come here.
- Increased authority to fight money laundering. The President's strategy seeks new authority to fight money laundering and freezes the U.S. assets of people arrested abroad.
- Improving existing laws. The President's plan improves existing laws against counterfeiting and industrial espionage.

THE INTERNATIONAL CRIME CONTROL ACT OF 1998. To implement his strategy, the President is sending to Congress the International Crime Control Act of 1998. This legislation expands on a similar bill Congress failed to pass last year and closes gaps in current federal law, criminalizes new forms of international criminal activity, and promotes a strengthening of both domestic and foreign criminal justice systems in response to the threats of international crime.

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You may know that DOJ has been heading an interagency team to develop the first ever national strategy for the USG's international crime efforts. The strategy will be the Administration's framework and plan of action, including eight broad goals and related objectives, targeting the most serious threats posed by international crime to US national security interests. Thematically, this issue has strong links to the G-8 Birmingham agenda, where crime cooperation will be the major deliverable at the Saturday (May 16) session. We would propose that the POTUS rollout the International Crime Control Strategy the week before departure for Europe as a way of linking the strong measures the Administration is pursuing at home in protecting the nation's security with the growing partnership with our allies to fight the common threat of organized crime. Views?

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