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Compagnia di San Paolo's support to UNICRI's activities

The San Paolo Company has been a long-time supporter of the initiatives and structures of the agencies of the United Nations based in Turin (ITCILO - International Training Centre of the International Labour Organisation, UNSSC – United Nations System Staff College, as well as UNICRI – United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute).

UNICRI contributes through the means of analysis, training and local activities in the identification of policies in the fields of crime prevention and criminal justice. The total sum of the contributions from Compagnia di San Paolo to UNICRI from 2002-2007 amounts to €1,601,000.

Among the principal activities fulfilled by UNICRI, with the support of Compagnia di San Paolo, was the “Programme of Prevention of International Terrorism”, launched in 2001 in the context of the preparation of the Turin Winter Olympic Games 2006, with the objective of promoting the exchange of information between national and international agencies in charge of maintaining security.

In 2002, the development of the activities of UNICRI – always with the backing of Compagnia di San Paolo and in collaboration with EUROPOL and the Prefettura di Torino – led to the creation of the International Permanent Observatory (IPO), with the task of promoting the strengthening of international cooperation in the field of security during events of particular relevance (Olympic Games, sporting events, political and economic events).

Between 2003 and 2007 Compagnia di San Paolo contributed to the further expansion of the IPO programme, permitting the strengthening of UNICRI's activities in the field of countering terrorism and organised crime.

The support of Compagnia di San Paolo has allowed the creation within UNICRI of a Counter Terrorism Unit and has permitted UNICRI to receive further contributions from, among others, the European Commission and the Piedmont Region and to launch a collaboration with the Chinese authorities for the organisation of security for the Olympic Games Beijing 2008. In 2006, ECOSOC approved the resolution on the International Permanent Observatory on Security during Major Events (E/2006/28), presented at an international conference at the UN Headquarters in New York, which was attended by representatives of the Member States' Permanent Missions to the UN.

The development of UNICRI's activities in the field of security, with particular reference to major events, highlights the important multiplicative effect of Compagnia di San Paolo's support, that has allowed UNICRI to acquire major international visibility and that has contributed to the further reinforcement of the role of Turin as 'capital' of international training.

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