



Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Briefing

Allegations of Misuse of the Interpol Red Notice Process

Panelists



Rebecca Shaeffer is Senior Legal and Policy Officer for the organisation Fair Trials, which works to advance protection of the fundamental human right to a fair trial around the world. Using research, advocacy, casework, and a network of fair trials defenders, she works on campaigns to improve the protection of procedural rights in global criminal justice contexts, with expertise on cross-border crime, pre-trial detention, plea bargaining, and INTERPOL red notices. She has recently relocated to Washington to develop an Americas-focused advocacy hub for Fair Trials, which also has offices in London and Brussels. Prior to Fair Trials, Rebecca worked at Human Rights Watch. She holds a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.



Leonard Homeniuk is the former President and Chief Executive Officer of Cameco Gold Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Cameco Corporation (1999 – 2004) and Centerra Gold Inc. (2004-2008). He also served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Polygon Gold Inc. (2011-2014). His expertise is in building and operating mines in developing countries, including the former Soviet Union. He was responsible for the construction and operation of the Kumtor mine, located in Kyrgyzstan. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Polymetal International. Mr. Homeniuk was detained in Bulgaria in 2015 for a period of 90 days, including in jail and under the house arrest, as a result of the issuance of an Interpol Red Notice at the request of Kyrgyzstan. He was released when the Kyrgyz authorities failed to provide required documentation to support the legality of their extradition request. Mr. Homeniuk holds an B.Sc and M.Sc in geology and geophysics from the University of Manitoba.



William Browder is the founder and CEO of Hermitage Capital Management. He was the largest foreign investor in Russia until November 2005, when he was suddenly denied entry to the country and declared “a threat to national security” by the Russian government for exposing corruption at large Russian companies. In 2008, Sergei Magnitsky, a Russian lawyer working for his company in Moscow, uncovered a massive fraud committed by Russian government officials involving the theft of US\$230 million of taxes. After testifying against the state officials involved in the fraud, Magnitsky was imprisoned without trial, detained under horrific conditions, systematically tortured, suffered a complete breakdown of his

health and was denied any medical assistance. He died in prison on 16 November 2009 at the age of 37. Because of the impunity in Russia, Mr. Browder has conducted an international campaign to impose visa sanctions and asset freezes on the officials who played a role in Magnitsky’s arrest, torture and death. The U.S. passed the “Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act.” In February 2015 Mr. Browder published the New York Times bestseller *Red Notice: A True Story of High Finance, Murder, and One Man’s Fight for Justice*, which recounts his experience in Russia and ongoing fight for justice for Sergei Magnitsky. Before founding Hermitage, Browder was Vice-President at Salomon Brothers. He holds a BA (Honors) in Economics from the University of Chicago and an MBA from Stanford Business School.



Katrina Lantos Swett serves as President of the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice which was established in 2008 to forward the work of her father, the late Congressman Tom Lantos. She teaches Human Rights and U.S. Foreign Policy at Tufts University. She is a former Chair and past Commissioner of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF). She currently serves as Co-Chair on the Board of the Committee for Human Rights in North Korea (HRNK), the International Advisory Board of UN Watch, the Budapest based Tom Lantos Institute, the

Advisory Board of the Anne Frank Award and Lecture, the US Global Leadership Coalition’s New Hampshire Advisory Board, the Advisory Board of the Iranian American Majority, and The Warren B. Rudman Center for Justice, Leadership & Public Policy. Lantos-Swett earned a Political Science degree from Yale University, a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, and a PhD in History at The University of Southern Denmark.

Moderator



Liana Rosen is a Specialist in International Crime and Narcotics at the Congressional Research Service (CRS), where she conducts research on foreign policy responses to a range of transnational illicit threats. Ms. Rosen began her career at CRS as a Presidential Management Fellow in 2007. She has conducted research tours at the Department of State and overseas with the Department of Defense. She previously worked at the Brookings Institution.

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