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**STATEMENT OF SAN SALVADOR
MEETING TO ANALYZE THE LEGISLATIVE REFORMS TO PREVENT AND
COMBAT THE ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS IN CENTRAL AMERICA
(OAS-SICA)**

September 28, 2011

The representatives of the Member States of the Central American Integration System, States Party to the Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and Other Related Materials (CIFTA), responding to the invitation made by the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System (SICA), convened, in collaboration with UN-LiREC, FOPREL and the Central American Court of Justice (CCJ), a meeting to analyze the status of implementation of the CIFTA Convention.

EXPRESS:

That the violence created by firearms illegally acquired is responsible for the majority of homicides registered in the region and convinced that the fight against this crime has become one of the main public security priorities,

That organized crime and firearms violence are problems affecting all countries in the Region, which in fact alter the public security environment needed for its development,

That a regional response is necessary through systematic collaboration and coordination between Central American countries,

That the International Conference to Support the Central American Security Strategy took place in June 2011, during which it was presented to the Group of Friends and the international community,

That the present day, September 28, 2011, was the opportunity to exchange experiences, information and legislative models and to reaffirm the political



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commitment to move towards the development of institutional capacities needed to confront this criminal activity in a successful manner.

AGREE:

To launch and promote comprehensive and effective legislative reforms and public policies to combat this crime, taking into account the Central American Security Strategy, which pays special attention to combating the illicit trafficking in firearms and prevention armed violence.

To foster a greater coordination and exchange of information between the various legislative forums of SICA Member States as a means to optimize resources and prevent the duplication of efforts.

To promote and reinforce the implementation of CIFTA, by improving and harmonizing national legislations from a regional perspective for these to be more adapted, as corresponding, to the dispositions contained in the Convention.

To reiterate the participants' commitment in order to bolster cooperation and the exchange of ideas and experiences between responsible authorities, with the support of corresponding international organisms, especially SICA and the OAS, to strengthen national legal frameworks, as a means to provide a coordinated and effective response in the fight against organized crime.

To thank the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States and the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System for the given attention and for supporting the organization of the present Meeting.

San Salvador, September 28, 2011.