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GROUP OF EXPERTS FOR THE CONTROL OF MONEY LAUNDERING NELSON MENA, CICAD

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31st Plenary Meeting

San José, Costa Rica, September 2 – 3, 2010





BACKGROUND

- San José, Costa Rica
- September 2 and 3, 2010
- 28 delegates
- Countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela.



SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS AND WORK PLAN

- Approve the reports of the Forfeiture Subgroup and the Subgroup for Coordination and Integration between Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) and Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs).
- Participate, by appointing a delegate from LAVEX, in the drafting of the "Framework Law on Forfeitures" being promoted by UNODC.
- Recognize the importance of the member countries having computerized systems for recording and monitoring seized and forfeited assets, and urge the ES to continue with its efforts to secure technical assistance from other countries that already have modern computer systems in place, to facilitate the development of such systems and build capacities for asset management.
- Suggest that CICAD consider including, in the Plan of Action of the Hemispheric Drug Strategy, the creation and/or strengthening of Asset Recovery Agencies (ARAs) and Asset Management Units.



- Approve the ES's proposal to develop Strategic Planning for LAVEX and CICAD's Anti-Money Laundering Unit.
- Approve the Work Plans for the 2010-2011 period proposed by the Forfeiture Subgroup and the Subgroup for Coordination and Integration between Financial Intelligence Units and Law Enforcement Agencies.
- Recommend the standardization of meetings as regards their pro-tempore chairs. To this end, it was agreed to recommend that the pro-tempore chair, as of the 2010-2011 period, takes office during the following plenary session.
- Approve the preparation of a Hemispheric Guide to facilitate mutual legal assistance on forfeiture matters.



Recommendations to CICAD

- Approve the Group's Final Report
- Approve the proposed Work Plan for the 2010-2011 period.
- Incorporate, in the Plan of Action of the Hemispheric Drug Strategy, the creation and/or strengthening of Asset Recovery Agencies (ARAs) and Asset Management Units.
- Approve the standardization of meetings as regards their pro-tempore chairs, so that the pro-tempore chair takes office at the plenary meeting to be held in September 2011.
- Approve the candidacies of:
 Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (Chair)

 Argentine Republic (Vice Chair)