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Report of activities of the Executive Secretariat

The Executive Secretariat reports that the activities conducted by the CICAD/OAS's Anti-Money Laundering Section during the period 2011-2012 were determined by the GELAVEX in the XXXIII Meeting of the Group of Experts for the Control of Money Laundering, held in Caracas, Venezuela, in September of last year, as well as by the CICAD's mandates.

Thus, the CICAD has made numerous *training activities* during the period 2011-2012.

To begin with, in October 2011 we developed a Training Workshop to Combat Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing in Dominica, which provided technical and legislative assistance for the implementation of the FATF 40+9 Recommendations. In addition, the CICAD conducted a Legislative Counsel and Training on Money Laundering in Peru, in February 2012.

In confiscation of property, the CICAD has carried out several Workshops on Administration and Disposition of Seized and Confiscated Assets, which have been made in Argentina, in October 2011; Panama, in November the same year; Dominican Republic, in March 2012; Costa Rica, in June this year, and; Chile, in August 2012. These workshops seek to strengthen the technical capacity of the officials of the agencies involved in the seizure, forfeiture, administration and allocation of assets of illicit origin.

Within the framework of the Seized and Forfeited Assets Management Project (which is known by its Spanish acronym, BIDAL) have been undertaken various activities. First, the Third Meeting of Preparation of the Proposal for the Improvement of the BIDAL Project took place in El Salvador, in March this year, which aimed to support the Interagency Working Group (GTI, Spanish acronym) in the preparation and completion of the Proposal for the Improvement of the Forfeited Assets Management System, along with the writing and formal presentation of the final document to the national authorities. Secondly, two workshops have been executed so far this year as part of the BIDAL Project. In March, we held a National Workshop in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and in June, a Regional Seminar took place in San Jose, Costa Rica, which involved more than 50 people from several countries of the region, among them Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and Dominican Republic. Both workshops are part of the BIDAL Project's expansion into Central America.

In March this year, the CICAD made two Workshops on Links and Relationships Analysis (AVR, Spanish acronym), in Ecuador and Uruguay, in order to train analysts of the Financial Intelligence Units of those countries in the use of Links and Relationships Analysis's tools applied to the operational analysis of Suspicious Activity Reports.

In partnership with the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE, Spanish acronym), the CICAD has conducted three Workshops on Anti-Terrorism Financing so far this year. These courses were held in the Dominican Republic and Peru, in March, and in El Salvador, in July. In these workshops, judges and prosecutors were trained in the preparation of financial intelligence reports and in the combat against terrorist financing.

In May 2012, was held a Workshop on Special Investigative Techniques (TEI, Spanish acronym) in Asuncion, Paraguay. The workshop was aimed at strengthening the capacity of prosecutors and investigators for the implementation of TEIs in cases of money laundering and organized crime.

Finally, as part of the training activities undertaken by CICAD, there were two Preparation Missions for the Implementation of a Technical Assistance Plan on Anti-Money Laundering, in July. The first one, in Peru, intended for presenting the Technical Assistance Program to the Committee for the Implementation and Monitoring of the National Strategy Anti-Money Laundering. The second one, in Honduras, was a validation workshop for the study "Regional Action Plan Against Money Laundering", within the framework of the Support Plan to the Central American Security Strategy, the Central American Integration System (SICA, Spanish acronym) and the Central American Economic Integration Bank (CABEI).

Moreover, CICAD has participated in several *international cooperation activities* in the period 2011-2012.

In October 2011, the CICAD took part in the Meeting of the Network of Anti-Organized Crime and Anti-Drug Trafficking Prosecutors in Central America and the Caribbean (REFCO, Spanish acronym), held in Nicaragua, and the FATF Plenary Meeting, held in Venezuela. In both instances, efforts were made for the international exchange in combating against money laundering, organized crime and terrorist financing.

In April 2012, the Meeting of the GAFISUD's Assets Recovery Network (RRAG, Spanish acronym) took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, instance in which the CICAD participated as a speaker and observer of this meeting for the exchange of experiences in assets recovery of criminal origin. In addition, the CICAD attended as a speaker at the GAFISUD Workshop on Risk Matrices in Quito, Ecuador, in May this year. Likewise, CICAD was present recently in the Plenary Session of GAFISUD, held in Santiago, Chile, in July, participating actively in the exchange of best practices on economic research in AML/CFT cases.

In May this year, the CICAD participated in two international conferences. First, the CICAD was present at the Conference on Organized Crime of the Network of Anti-Organized Crime and Anti-Drug Trafficking Prosecutors in Central American and the Caribbean (REFCO) in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, which promoted the exchange of experiences and good practices in the judicial management of the police investigation, and the attainment of better results in prosecuting the crimes of money laundering and organized crime. Secondly, CICAD participated actively in the CFATF Plenary, held in San Salvador, El Salvador, as well as in the meetings of the working groups, sharing best practices AML/CFT and seeking for technical assistance to strengthen their institutional capacities.

Finally, on May 30-31, 2012, was held the XXXIV Meeting of the Group of Experts for the Control of Money Laundering, in Washington DC, United States, which aimed to follow up the recommendations of the both meetings, the Plenary, in September 2011, and the Sub-Working Groups Meeting, in May 2011.