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In the framework of the thirty-fourth regular session of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) of the Organization of American States (OAS), we, Member States of the OAS, meeting in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, November 17-20 2003,

REAFFIRMING the commitments related to the drug problem and to drug-related crime made by Leaders in the Declaration and the Action emerging from the Quebec City Summit of the Americas held in 2001;

ACKNOWLEDGING the Declaration of the (Special Conference on Security) held in Mexico City, Mexico, in October 2003, which re-affirmed the necessity of multilateral co-operation, based on shared responsibility, integrity, balance, mutual trust, and full respect for the sovereignty of states, for addressing the global drug problem and related crimes;

MINDFUL that the Special Summit will meet January 12-13 in Monterey, Mexico, to address key challenges to the hemisphere with a focus on the inter-related themes of growth with equity, social responsibility, democratic governance.

RECOGNIZING that the inherently multi-faceted nature of the global drug problem makes it necessary also to address the related issues of transnational organized crime and other drug-related international crime;

ACKNOWLEDGING the links among sustainable development, good governance and institutional stability, the rule of law and security, both public and at the level of individuals;

ACKNOWLEDGING also that security can be compromised by the threats of drug trafficking, organized crime, and corruption;

RECOGNIZING the emerging threats to governance and to the safety of persons that are related to drugs and drug-related international crime;

ACKNOWLEDGING the financial, technical, and human resources constraints of the OAS and its member states;

REAFFIRMING the commitment of member states to a balanced approach to address the supply of and the demand for illicit drugs, as reflected in the Hemispheric Anti-drug Strategy;

RECOGNIZING that our borders, whether air, land, or sea, are critical points in the drug control regimes of the member states of the OAS.

HAVE AGREED:

1. To encourage efforts to improve co-ordination and communication at borders in order to strengthen national, regional, and hemispheric efforts to address the problems related to illicit drugs and related aspects of transnational organized crime;
2. To encourage improved co-ordination and communication among officials in the hemisphere working in the areas of public safety and security and those active in other areas of economic and social development, governance, in order to develop comprehensive, innovative, and integrated approaches to the drug problem and to drug-related international crime;

3. To renew their commitment to the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism, and underscore the need for countries and organizations to use the MEM to identify gaps or deficiencies in national, regional, and hemispheric drug control regimes, as well as to use it to allocate resources dedicated to the drug problem within the Americas in a more strategic, coordinated and effective fashion;
4. To undertake a priority-setting exercise at the thirty-fifth regular session of CICAD, in order to rationalize the work of CICAD and with a view to addressing more effectively both the core mandate of CICAD and the emerging threats related to drugs and drug-related international crime that confront the hemisphere;
5. In light of the above, we welcome the decision of the Commission to:
 - Establish Expert Groups to address the issues of.....;
 - Adopt the Model Regulations for the Control of Brokers of Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition, as well as to adjust the CICAD Model Regulations on Firearms to reflect the content of these new regulations;
 - Adopt amendments to the (Model Regulations on Money Laundering) to integrate terrorist financing measures and suggest next steps;
 - Develop criteria for prioritization of the work of the CICAD Commission in light of available resources.