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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT (ES/CICAD)

Report of activities of the Executive Secretariat (ES/CICAD)

The Executive Secretariat (ES) reports that the activities conducted by the Anti-Money Laundering Section of CICAD/OAS during the 2012-2013 period were determined by GELAVEX in the **XXXV Meeting of the Group of Experts for the Control of Money Laundering**, held in **Buenos Aires, Argentina**, in **September 2012**; as well as by the mandates of CICAD in November of the same year.

Therefore, the Executive Secretariat of CICAD has created numerous *technical assistance and training activities* during the 2012-2013 period.

In confiscation of property, the ES/CICAD has conducted several **Workshops on Management and Disposition of Seized and Forfeited Assets**, training approximately 613 people around the continent. These workshops have been conducted since 2011, starting in **Argentina**, and **Panama in 2011**; **Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Chile and Guatemala in 2012**; and **Honduras, Peru, Paraguay, Uruguay, and a regional workshop in Mexico in 2013**. In the latter, staff from the Asset Recovery Offices from **C.A., Dominican Republic, Mexico, Colombia and Brazil** participated. This program will culminate with a workshop to be held in **Brazil**, probably during the months of **October or November 2013**. These workshops seek to strengthen the technical capacity of the agencies' officials involved in the seizure, forfeiture, management and allocation of illicit assets, promoting good practices and special procedures for the proper and efficient management of such assets, in order to prevent loss and deterioration thereof.

In the **month of December 2012** a legislative technical assistance mission took place. It was addressed to the National Commission of Seized Assets (CONABI) of Peru, with the aim of drafting the Regulation and Manuals of the organization and functioning of CONABI. Following CONABI last August, specific advice was given on handling **storage, units of conservation, transport and all aspects related to the neutralization and/or destruction of chemical inputs**.

Within the framework of the **Seized and Forfeited Assets Management Project in Latin America (BIDAL)**, various activities have been performed: a) during the month of March 2013, the ES organized and accompanied a technical visit that carried a delegation of officials from El Salvador to Colombia, with the aim of exchanging experiences in management of seized and confiscated assets, as well as on in rem forfeiture matters. b) In May of this year the **First Meeting of Preparation of the Proposal for the Improvement of the BIDAL Project** was held, in **Dominican Republic**, to support the Interagency Working Group (GTI) 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. c) Finally, the ES supported and participated in the "Conference on money laundering proceeding from drug trafficking, the importance of asset investigation and of the Asset Recovery Offices", held in May in San Jose, Costa Rica, which was executed within the framework of the EU technical assistance through COPOLAD Consortium, and attended by delegations from various Latin American countries and their counterparts from the EU member states. Also, during the month of October, the ES will participate and support the **Conference "Exchange of Experiences on Managing**

Seized Assets from drug trafficking and money laundering”, organized by COPOLAD and held in Montevideo, Uruguay.

BIDAL Project will continue its activities in its new phase during 2013-2014 with two new countries: Brazil and Colombia.

Between February and April of this year, the ES/CICAD held two (2) **Workshops on Special Investigative Techniques (TEIs)**, one in **Nicaragua** and another in **Honduras**, which involved judges, prosecutors, investigators and FIU analysts. These workshops are aimed at strengthening the capacity for implementation of TEIs in cases of money laundering and organized crime. Through the analysis and discussion of practical exercises and numerous experiences and cases, the complexities and risks of ITEs were studied, as well as the best practices to achieve optimum results at investigative and judicial levels. Similarly, during the month of July a workshop on “Financial Intelligence Analysis and Forensic Accounting” was held in El Salvador, conducted for prosecutors and analysts of the Financial Intelligence Unit of El Salvador, which aimed to strengthen officials’ capabilities in handling tools of Link and Relations Analysis and forensic accounting cases of ML/TF.

The ES/CICAD, within the Implementation of Technical Assistance Plan on Anti-Money Laundering in Peru, which is developed with the active participation and collaboration of the Implementation and Monitoring Committee of the National Strategy to Combat Money Laundering Actives of Peru (CONTRALAFI), has performed the following activities during 2013: a) A First Diagnostic Mission for the development of the Financial Intelligence Unit of the Council of Legal State Defense, took place in the month of April, and a Second Mission for the delivery of Results and Training for the development of the Unit, took place in early July. b) In April, a workshop of Administration and Disposition of Seized and Confiscated Assets was conducted; c) Also in April, a Course on Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing was held for judges and prosecutors in Peru; d) In the month of May a Workshop of Training Exchange ALD/CFT was held between public and private entities, and it involved compliance officers, obligated entities supervisors and law enforcement agents; e) A First Workshop on Special Investigative Techniques (TEIs) was conducted in July, involving judges, The Office of the Attorney General (*Ministerio Público*), investigators and UIF analysts, as well as CONABI and State Law Defense Council officials; f) During the month of July, a Workshop on “Mock Investigation” on an AML case and Organized Crime was held, which would work as a preparation exercise for the implementation of a Mock Trial; and g) In August, a Mock Trial of a Money Laundering Case was developed, in which 30 officers participated from the State’s Legal Defense Council, the FIU, the National Police of Peru, prosecutors and the judiciary. The number of participants increased to 80 during the mock trial development and supplementary training, all belonging to the former institutions, creating a space for interdisciplinary and inter-agency meeting of those involved in criminal proceedings, while motivating and boosting their performance by applying best practices for investigating and for intervening in public and oral trials.

On the other hand, the ES/CICAD participated in several *international cooperation activities* within the 2012-2013 periods:

From March to September of 2013, 2 **Meetings of the GAFISUD's Assets Recovery Network (RRAG)**, the first one in **Bogota, Colombia**, and the second in the **city of Panama**; occasions in which the ES/CICAD participated as a speaker and observer of the meetings of this Network for the exchange of experiences about recovery of assets of criminal origins.

During the dates of **15 to 19 of July**, the **XXVII Plenary Session of GASISUD** was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in which the ES was actively involved in the working sessions and presented the respective report of activities to the distinguished representatives in order to generate synergies with this Agency, donors and other specialist bodies on AML/CFT.

From **May 30 to May 31, 2013**, the **XXXV Meeting of the Group of Experts for the Control of Money Laundering and Working Subgroups** was held in **Washington DC, United States**. Its goal was to follow up the Working Plan approved by the plenary in September 2012, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and by CICAD in November of the same year. The same plenary approved the deliberations of this Group of Experts in its 52nd Ordinary Session held in San Jose, Costa Rica, highlighting the production of important products such as: **The Comparative Legislation Study of the countries of the Hemisphere and the Policy Guidance for the Creation and Development of Specialized Bodies in the Administration of Seized and Confiscated assets; Principles and Best Practices for the Coordination and Integration of Financial Intelligence Units and Criminal Investigation Agencies in the Use and Protection of FIUs Information; and the Document on the Implementation of Asset Forfeiture Systems and Mechanisms for Sharing Seized Assets.**