

Group of Experts on Maritime Narcotrafficking

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Background

- In 2003, the CICAD-OAS Commission ordered the Executive Secretariat to undertake a Study of Maritime Narcotrafficking in the Hemisphere, which was done that year.
- During the Group of Experts on Maritime Narcotrafficking Meeting held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 16 to 20 July 2012, a delegation proposed that the Group of Experts on Narcotrafficking update that study.
- The Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) considered and approved this report at its 52nd Regular Session, held in San Jose, Costa Rica, from 28 to 30 November 2012.



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- The Commission approved the proposed Plan of Action and decided that the Working Group would meet in 2013. The Government of Peru offered to host and chair the next meeting.
- The Group of Experts on Maritime Narcotrafficking met from 24 to 27 June 2013, in Lima, Peru, to evaluate the current status of maritime narcotrafficking in the Hemisphere and projected trends, and to determine the Member States' capacity to respond to it. The Group decided that the results of that process would be used to develop the questionnaire or other appropriate instrument to gather data from the Member States to prepare the study.



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- The Executive Secretariat was instructed to use elements from the questionnaire of the 2003 study and other information to prepare a draft questionnaire that would then be distributed to the members of the Group of Experts for comments. The final draft questionnaire would then be distributed to the Member States, and when the results would be received, the study would be updated.
- It was also agreed that CICAD's Supply Reduction Section, in coordination with the chair held by Peru, would propose to the countries a plan and steps to update the Hemispheric Study on Maritime Narcotrafficking. With the results of this consultation, Peru was to convene a meeting of the special working group in the first half of 2014 to take the actions required to develop the study and/or report. The results would be submitted at the next meeting of



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the Group of Experts in 2014, which will be held in Cartagena, Colombia, from 8 to 11 September 2014.

- During the 54th Regular Session of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission of the Organization of American States (CICAD-OAS), held from 11 to 13 December 2013, in Bogota D.C., Colombia, the chair made a presentation on the work of the Group of Experts on Maritime Narcotrafficking and the report of its last meeting (CICAD/doc.2043/13).
- The presentation included a summary of the issues addressed, the materials prepared, and the plan of action proposed for consideration and approval of the Commission.



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- The Commission approved the report of the Group of Experts, including its recommendations, documents, and plan of action; ordered the Group to meet during 2014; and elected Colombia to chair the Group of Experts for the 2014-2015 period.
- At the request of the CICAD Executive Secretariat and the chair, the Permanent Mission of Peru to the Organization of American States sent invitations to the following countries to participate in the meeting in Lima, Peru: Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, United States, Mexico, Panama.



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- The meeting was attended by delegations representing Brazil, Colombia, United States, and Mexico, as well as representatives of various government agencies of the Republic of Peru: the Drug Control Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Commission for Development and Life without Drugs (DEVIDA), the National Port Authority (APN), the National Superintendency of Customs and Tax Administration (SUNAT), and the General Directorate of Captaincies and Coast Guard (DICAPI); as well as representatives of the Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission of the Organization of American States (CICAD-OAS).
- The meeting was held from Monday 16 and Wednesday 18 June 2014, in the Hotel & Suites Sol de Oro, Miraflores, Lima, Peru.



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Previous Work

- On Friday 28 March 2014, in the headquarters of the National Commission for Development and Life without Drugs (DEVIDA), a working meeting was held to review and update the contents of the Questionnaire of the Hemispheric Study on Maritime Narcotrafficking, which was attended by representatives of various government agencies of the Republic of Peru: the Drug Control Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Commission for Development and Life without Drugs (DEVIDA), the National Port Authority (APN), the National Superintendency of Customs and Tax Administration (SUNAT), and the General Directorate of Captaincies and Coast Guard (DICAPI).
- The result from the work was sent to the CICAD-OAS for approval and distribution to the Member States for review.



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Special Meeting

- The Special Meeting was held from Monday 16 and Wednesday 18 June 2014, in the Hotel & Suites Sol de Oro, Miraflores, Lima, Peru.
- The members of the Group noted the importance of the study and the need for updating the information contained on it after ten years.
- After those attending took part in the discussion, it was decided to update the questionnaire, which is not intended to be exhaustive, but to be reviewed at the meeting, and finally to determine its condition.
- Also, it was drafted and signed the corresponding Minutes of the Meeting.
- Both documents, i.e. the questionnaire and the Minutes of the Meeting, are posted on the CICAD-OAS website.



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Conclusions

- It was noted that the question number one in the questionnaire in the section “Legislation and Agreements” repeats the work done in the Multilateral Assessment Mechanism (MAM) of the CICAD-OAS.
- It was agreed on the feasibility of including the questions proposed by the delegation of Mexico, which are shown in the items 15d and 15e of the proposed questionnaire.
- The chair will submit the proposed questionnaire at the appropriate time for consideration, review and approval at the next meeting of the Group of Experts.



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Recommendations

- Elimination of the question number one in the section “Legislation and Agreements”.
- Inclusion of those questions proposed by the delegation of Mexico in the questionnaire.
- The Member States should assess the questionnaire to be submitted by the chair in order to make additional recommendations and/or modifications during the next meeting of the Group of Experts of the CICAD-OAS to be held in Cartagena, Colombia in September 2014.



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