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GELAVEX STRATEGIC PLANNING PROPOSAL 2015-2017

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1) BACKGROUND

The Proposal of the Strategic Plan 2012-2014 was approved in the XXXIII Meeting of GELAVEX, held September 27-28, 2011 in Caracas, Venezuela. This proposal was incorporated in the annex V of the Final Report of the meeting (CICAD/LAVEX/doc.17/11), which was approved in the fiftieth ordinary period of sessions of CICAD (CICAD/doc.1933/11rev.2) and, as such, it served as a guideline for the activities developed by the Group in the triennium 2012-2014.

In the XXXVIII GELAVEX meeting, held in Washington D.C., US, May 22-23, 2014, it was agreed that as the Strategic Plan would conclude in 2014, the delegations would send to ES/CICAD proposals of themes that they considered that should be included for the 2015-2017 period (CICAD/LAVEX/doc.18/14).

It was agreed, in addition, that the Delegation of Chile would contribute to the ES/CICAD consolidating the received proposals and presenting a draft in the XXXIX GELAVEX Meeting, that would be held in September 25-26 in Montevideo, Uruguay.

2) METHODOLOGY

As agreed, in the XXXI Meeting of GELAVEX the Delegation of Chile presented two charts that served as a basis for the discussions of the Plenary:

The first image (annex 1) reflected the lines of action of the Strategic Plan 2012-2014, so that it could allow considering if they were successfully achieved or if it is convenient to continue working in some of those during the 2015-2017 period.

The second image (annex II) reflected the lines of actions proposed by the delegations for the 2015-2017 period.

3) DISCUSSION AND PROPOSALS

After comments from the delegates, the Plenary decided the lines of actions of the Proposed Strategic Plan 2015-2017 as follows:

• Sub-Working Group in International Cooperation and Forfeiture:

- 1) Coordination between the legal and administrative authorities for the management and administration of the seized assets;
- 2) Processes of alienation of seized and forfeited assets:
- 3) Administration of complex assets;
- 4) Aid SE/CICAD in the theme of asset recovery that will be worked on in the framework of the Technical Assistance Program on International Cooperation in Asset Recovery;

- 5) Aid SE/CICAD in the theme of victims' and bona fide third party rights that will be worked on in the framework of the Technical Assistance Program on International Cooperation in Asset Recovery; and
- 6) Promotion of the development of effective forfeiture laws and their effective implementation in the Member States

• Sub-Working Group in Financial Intelligence Units and Criminal Investigation Organizations:

- 1) Asset Investigation (identification of real sources);
- 2) Risk Analysis ALM/CFT;
- 3) Security of the officials charged with the prevention and fighting of Money Laundering and related crimes;
- 4) Special techniques of investigation;
- 5) Partial Proof (experts); and
- 6) New typologies of ALM/CFT

• Executive Secretary of CICAD (SE/CICAD):

- 1) BIDAL Project; and
- 2) Technical Assistance Program on International Cooperation in Asset Recovery

As a crosscutting issue to be worked on by both Sub-Working Groups, it was agreed upon to study the relation between money laundering and predicate crimes in light of current developments of the topic and of the new approach of international organizations.

After defining these lines of actions, the Plenary of GELAVEX recommended that CICAD approve them in the fiftieth ordinary period of sessions to be held in November 19-21 November in Guatemala City, Guatemala, so that they serve as a guideline for the activities developed by the Group in the triennium 2012-2014.

ANNEX 1: LINES OF ACTION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN 2012-2014

	SUBGROUP	LINE OF ACTION	DATE	ADDITIONS OR INSIGHTS	OBSERVATIONS
1	International Cooperation and Forfeiture	Study to Identify International Cooperation Mechanisms (Formal And Informal) that Provide an Adequate Exchange of Information to Prevent and Combat Money Laundering, the Financing of Terrorism and the Recovery of Assets of Criminal Origin			
2	International Cooperation and Forfeiture	Comparison of mechanisms for international cooperation, in order to determine the best way to put them into practice			
3	International Cooperation and Forfeiture	Development, in case it is considered necessary, of a new mechanism that allows for the improvement of this mechanism for Exchange of information.			
4	International Cooperation and Forfeiture	Identification of the strategic partners of the Group, with the aim of finding synergies between products and mechanisms that are being developed.			
5	International Cooperation and Forfeiture	Presentation of reports on the work and projects developed in international forums, with the aim of identifying which ones are useful to the work of the group.			
6	International Cooperation and Forfeiture	Develop a legislative guide that deals with the creation and implementation of the agencies for the administration of seized and forfeited assets.			
7	International Cooperation and Forfeiture	Creation of a procedure for the development of systems for the forfeiture of assets.			
8	International Cooperation and Forfeiture	Identify efficient mechanisms for the sharing of assets.			
9	Coordination and Integration FIU / LEA	Principles and best practices to guide the sharing of information between FIUs/LEAs			
10	Coordination and Integration FIU / LEA	Identification and analysis of the risk factors related to money laundering, terrorist financing and asset recovery and asset recovery in the hemisphere.			
11	Coordination and Integration FIU / LEA	Recommendations that enable countries to uniform approaches to information sharing between the FIUs and LEAs			
12	Coordination and Integration FIU / LEA	Development of a methodological guide on asset investigation.			
13	Coordination and Integration FIU / LEA	Analysis of the new FATF recommendations (recommendations 29/30/31)			
14	Coordination and Integration FIU / LEA	Diagnosis on safety and integrity regarding the protection of officials of the FIU / OIC.			

ANNEX II: STRATEGIC PLANNING (PROPOSAL FOR LINES OF ACTION)

	Forfeiture and international cooperation subgroup	FIU/LEA Subgroup	Executive Secretariat
1	Coordination between the judicial and administration authorities for the management and administration of seized assets.	Asset investigation (identification of source assets)	BIDAL
2	Processes for the disposal of seized and forfeited assets	Risk analysis	Asset recovery program
3	Administration of complex assets	Security	
4	Support the Executive Secretariat on the issue of international cooperation in the sharing of assets between States in the Asset recovery program	Special investigative techniques	
5	Support the Executive Secretariat on the issue of victims' and bona fide third party rights in the sharing of assets in the Asset recovery program	Expert witnesses	
6	Promotion of the development of forfeiture laws and their effective implementation in the member States	New typologies	