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DRAFT SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, 18th November, 2014

15:00-17:00	Participant Registration	Entrance to Quetzal Room Vista Real Hotel Guatemala City, Guatemala
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Wednesday, 19th November, 2014

07:30–09:00	Participant Registration	Entrance to Quetzal Room Vista Real Hotel Guatemala City, Guatemala
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INAUGURAL SESSION

09:00

Welcome remarks by:

- Dr Carlos Arturo Morales López,
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Colombia
CICAD Chair
- Amb. Adam Blackwell,
Secretary Multidimensional Security,
Organization of American States
- Guatemala
CICAD Vice-Chair

09:45

BREAK

**Quetzal Conference Room
Vista Real Hotel
Guatemala City, Guatemala**

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

10:00 **Adoption of the Draft Agenda (CICAD/doc.2116/14.rev2) and Draft Schedule of Activities (CICAD/doc.2117/14).**

Election of the Commission’s Chair and Vice Chair (Arts. 22 and 23, CICAD Statute).

Remarks from newly elected CICAD Chair

10:30 **Follow up to the Guatemala Resolution 2014 “Reflections and Guidelines to Formulate and Follow up on Comprehensive Policies to Address the World Drug Problem in the Americas” and the Declaration of Antigua “For a Comprehensive Policy Against the World Drug Problem in the Americas” 2013**

Objective: Follow up to the commitments and mandates from the Declaration of Antigua Guatemala, and the Resolution of Guatemala. CICAD activities and progress made by countries with regards to the public health perspective, human rights, prevention, treatment and social integration, and in establishing a balance between citizen security and public health, human rights, development and the reconstruction of the social fabric.

Preparation of the Plan of Action 2016-2020 of the Hemispheric Strategy on Drugs, in accordance with the mandate from the Guatemala Resolution

Objective: To establish the Working Group responsible for preparing the Plan of Action 2016-2020 of the Hemispheric Drug Strategy, in accordance with the Guatemala Resolution mandate, emphasizing scientific evidence, experiences, and impact indicators provided by the Member States with regards to the causes of the world drug problem and the new challenges generated in the region and taking into account the contributions from the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism and progress made by both specialized agencies as well as other relevant sectors.

12:00 **Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM)**

- Presentation of the Governmental Expert Group (GEG) Report
Dave Alexander, General Coordinator, GEG
- Presentation and approval of national reports from the Sixth Evaluation Round

Objective: Presentation of the draft national reports of the MEM’s Sixth Evaluation Round to CICAD Commissioners for approval.

- MEM Review – Seventh Round – Intergovernmental Working Group (IWG)

Objective: Discussion with regards to the convocation of the Intergovernmental Working Group (IWG) to carry out the review and respective modifications of the MEM process, prior to the commencement of the next evaluation round of the Mechanism.

13:00 LUNCH

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

15:00 Remarks by Ambassador Albert Ramdin
Assistant Secretary General, Organization of American States

15:15 Pharmaceutical Products and Chemical Control

- Presentation of Expert Group Report
- Presentation on the capacity of member states to address the new threat of synthetic drugs in the region
Hernán Bernal, Expert, Prevention of the Diversion of Drugs Precursors in the Latin American and Caribbean Region PRELAC-EU/UNODC

Objective: Present the results of the Group of Experts and approve the Final Report as well as the recommendations and plan of action of the Expert Group, together with the documents on the increase of synthetic drug production/distribution in the region and the chemicals diverted for this purpose. Present the current situation of synthetic drugs in order to stimulate discussion regarding possible ways for member states to address this growing threat in the region as well as identifying technical assistance that may be required by member states.

16:00 BREAK

16:15 Experiences and lessons learnt by countries in the Hemisphere on addressing the use of air and land space by narcotrafficking

Presenter: (tbc)

Objective: To identify criteria for the development of indicators in the use of air and land space by narcotrafficking organizations, in order to assess the various activities taking place in this regard.

17:00 Taking Control: Pathways to Drug Policies that Work
Global Commission on Drug Policy

Presenter: (tbc)

Objective: To present the latest report from the Global Commission on Drug Policy whose purpose is to bring to the international level an informed, science based discussion about humane and effective ways to reduce the harm caused by drugs to people and societies.

17:30 **Close of the second session**

19:30 **Reception offered by the Government of Guatemala for delegations**

Thursday, 20th November 2014

THIRD PLENARY SESSION

09:00 **Panel 1: Regulatory markets: lessons learnt and perspectives**

Panelists: **Lidia Amarales, Director, SENDA, Chile**
Julio Calzada, Secretary General, National Drug Council, Uruguay
(tbc)

Moderator: **(tbc)**

Objective: At present, the marijuana debate is focused not only on legalization but also on the models of regulation adopted by some countries; above all the regulated market setting. To be able to deepen the discussion about the effects of regulation from the legal, economic and health perspectives, in this session scenarios of actual regulated markets for different substances will be presented for comparative analysis. Shared experiences and lessons learnt will be discussed while also looking at the scope of the various processes underway in regulated substances and regulatory markets. Updates on regulatory policies, experiences, and lessons learnt in the regulation of psychoactive substances.

10:30 **BREAK**

10:45 **Panel 2: Marijuana for Medicinal Use**

Presenters: **(tbc)**

Moderator: **(tbc)**

Objective: To present the current state of the art on scientific research into the therapeutic effects of the cannabis sativa plant and derived medicinal products.

13:00 **LUNCH**

FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

15:00 **Panel 3: Challenges and Strategies in addressing the Drug problem from a Public Health perspective**

- Situation and initiatives of the Council of Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic (COMISCA)
- Human resources for a public health approach in drug policies in the Americas (PAHO)

Panelists: Julio César Valdés, Executive Secretary, COMISCA
Luis Alfonzo, Advisor, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)

Moderator: (tbc)

Objective: Presentation of the strategic vision and sub-regional coordination efforts of Central American countries within the framework of the Council of Health Ministers of Central America and the Dominican Republic (COMISCA), regarding the implementation of the public health perspective in addressing the world drug problem.

16:30 **BREAK**

16:45 **Current situation of Drug Use in the Americas**

Francisco Cumsille, Coordinator, Inter-American Observatory on Drugs/CICAD

Objective: Based on the most updated Information available (primarily 2012-2014 data), provide an analysis on the current situation of the problem in the hemisphere, with an emphasis on the evaluation of trends, where possible, and implications on drug policy.

Report by CICAD Executive Secretary

Ambassador Paul Simons

17:30 **Close of the fourth session**

Friday, 21st November 2014

FIFTH PLENARY SESSION

09:00 **Money Laundering Control**

- Report of Group of Experts

Carlos Díaz Fraga, Secretary General, National Anti-Money Laundering Secretariat, Uruguay, Chair of the Expert Group on Money Laundering Control CICAD

- “Strategic Priorities in addressing money laundering”
Mariano Federici, Regional Advisor for Latin America, International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Objective: To inform and discuss the results of the implementation of the strategic planning of the Group of Experts, and present an update on best practices and regulations in money laundering control in order to prevent access by organized crime to financial systems and illicit assets.

10:30

Maritime Narcotrafficking

- Report of Group of Experts
Orlando Enrique Grisales Franceschi, Armada Nacional de Colombia, Director Oficina Contra las Drogas
- Regional situation of maritime narcotrafficking
Lou Orsini, Senior Maritime Law Enforcement Advisor
U.S. Coast Guard Office of Law Enforcement Policy

Objective: Present the results of the work of the Group of Experts and approve the Final Report as well as recommendations and Plan of Action of the Group of Experts together with related documents. Provide an overview of the current situation regarding maritime narcotrafficking in the region including new trends, routes and methods of transport and present information regarding specific interdiction operations and activities to control maritime/port narcotrafficking to stimulate discussion and identify specific tasks that might be assigned to the Group of Experts.

12:00

BREAK

12:30

Alternatives to Incarceration

- Report on Working Group meeting
Rodrigo Uprimny, legal Technical Coordinator, Working Group on Alternatives to Incarceration

Next steps (presenters – tbc)

Objective: To present the progress of the Working Group on Alternatives to Incarceration in a CICAD framework. To present the technical report on existing alternatives to incarceration for drug-related offenses which conform to international drug control conventions, keeping in mind the normative frameworks of each country and the contents of the Hemispheric Strategy and Action Plan 2011-

2015. To present the next steps that CICAD/ES should take to sustain the Working Group's efforts and the technical report.

14:00 LUNCH

SIXTH PLENARY SESSION

15:00 Election of authorities of Expert Groups

- Maritime Narcotrafficking
- Chemical Substances and Pharmaceutical Products
- Money Laundering Control

16:00 Remarks by OAS Permanent Observers and by International, Regional and Civil Society Organizations accredited to the OAS

16:45 Suggested topics, date and place for the fifty-seventh regular session of CICAD

17:00 Other business

Closing remarks