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Comments on Planning for the 2016-2020 Hemispheric Plan of Action

During the meeting in Peru from August 18 to 22, 2014, the Group of Experts on Chemical Substances and Pharmaceutical Products was advised of a process that will be initiated to prepare a new Plan of Action 2016-2020 to the Hemispheric Drug Strategy adopted by the CICAD Commission. Further to the discussion that followed the Group proposed that it provide input to the review of that portion of the plan dealing with chemical substances and pharmaceutical products. This recommendation was subsequently accepted by the Commission during its fifty-seventh regular session in Washington (April 29-May 1, 2015). The input received from the Group of Experts will be provided to the Guatemalan Chair of the Working Group preparing the Plan of Action 2016-2020.

The control of chemical substances and pharmaceutical products are important elements in the effort to deal with the illicit production and trafficking in drugs. As such your expertise and respective perspective on those aspects of the Plan of Action 2016-2020 dealing with chemical substances and pharmaceutical products is very important.

You will find a copy of the Plan of Action 2011-2015 at this link <http://www.cicad.oas.org/Main/AboutCICAD/BasicDocuments/DrugStrategy.pdf>. We would appreciate your cooperation in reviewing the plan, focusing on Objectives 1 to 9 inclusive in the Control Measures section (Pages 16-18). In doing so we would ask that you answer the following questions:

- 1. What objectives should be expanded or new ones added?**
- 2. What would be the priority actions of this (these) objective(s)?**
- 3. What would be the main indicators (in relation to the objectives and actions identified)?**
- 4. General comments about what elements of the Action Plan, 2011-2015 should be strengthened in the new Plan of Action?**