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**2018-2020 STRATEGIC PLANING PROPOSAL GELAVEX  
(DRAFT)**

## **1) BACKGROUND**

The 2012-2014 Strategic Plan Proposal was approved in the XXXIII Meeting of the GELAVEX, held from September 27-28, 2011 in Caracas, Venezuela. This proposal is incorporated to the annex V of the meeting's Final Report ([CICAD/LAVEX/doc.17/11](#)), which was approved in the fiftieth regular 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.

The 2015-2017 Strategic Plan Proposal was approved in the XXXIX Meeting of the GELAVEX, held from September 25-26, 2014 in Montevideo, Uruguay ([CICAD/LAVEX/doc.19/14](#)). This proposal was approved in the fifty-sixth regular period of sessions of CICAD ([CICAD/doc.2162/14](#)) and served as a guideline for the activities developed by the Group in the triennium 2015-2017.

Since the current Strategic Plan would conclude in 2017, the delegations were consulted and they sent the Technical Secretariat (DTOC) the proposals of themes that they considered that should be included for the 2018-2020 period.

Additionally, it was agreed that the Delegations of Chile and Costa Rica would support the TS/DTOC to consolidate the proposals received and present a draft in the XLIV Meeting of the GELAVEX that would be held on September 25-26, 2017 in Asuncion, Paraguay ([DDOT/LAVEX/doc.22/17](#)).

## **2) METHODOLOGY**

As agreed, in the XLIV Meeting of the GELAVEX the Delegations of Chile and Costa Rica supported the consolidation of a presentation that included the background and charts of proposals for each Sub-Working Group that served as base for the discussions of the plenary:

The first part of the presentation included the background of the Sub-Working Group on Financial Intelligence Unit and Law Enforcement Agencies. It reported the accomplishment of the lines of action of the 2012-2014 and 2015-2017 Strategic Plans. In the second part, the background of the Sub-Working Group on Forfeiture and International Cooperation was presented, aiming at discussing whether the objectives proposed were satisfactorily accomplished or if it was convenient to continue working on some of them in the 2018-2020 period.

Following the presentation of each Sub-Working Group, the proposed line of actions for the period 2018-2020 was presented by the delegations.

### **3) DISCUSSION AND PROPOSALS**

After the comments from the Delegations, the Plenary recommended that the lines of action that would compose the 2018-2020 Strategic Plan Proposal would be the following:

- **Sub-Working Group on Financial Intelligence Units and Law Enforcement Agencies:**

Retrieve and deepen the analysis in:

- 1) AML / CFT risk analysis;
- 2) Expert examination (experts);
- 3) New AML / CFT typologies;
- 4) Elaboration of recommendations that allow countries to unify criteria regarding information shared between FIUs and UCIs;
- 5) Conduct a cross-training needs study of the three entities (GELAVEX, CFATF, GAFILAT), coordinating the development of joint technical assistance activities and the development of mutual evaluations in the region.

- **Sub-Working Group on Forfeiture and International Cooperation**

- 1) Substitutive or special contracting processes for the efficient management of seized assets;
- 2) Self-sustaining in the administration of seized assets;
- 3) Liquidation or sale of seized assets. Valuation for its proper destination;
- 4) Challenges faced by OAS member states in asset recovery. Diagnosis that includes forfeiture laws and victims;
- 5) Update of the Best Practices Document on Management of Seized and Forfeited Assets of Latin America and the Caribbean - BIDAL PROJECT;
- 6) Confiscation of equivalent and mixed assets;
- 7) New AML/CTF typologies.

After defining such lines of action, the Plenary of GELAVEX recommended that CICAD approve them at its Sixty-second Regular Session, which will be held from December 13 to 15 in Washington DC, in order to serve as a guideline for the activities to be developed by the Group in the 2018-2020 triennium.