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**EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES REPORT
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UPDATE ON SECRETARIAT PROJECTS; FOR CICAD 46 IN MIAMI

LET ME GIVE YOU A FEW *UPDATES* ON SECRETARIAT PROJECTS THAT I'M SURE YOU'LL BE INTERESTED IN.

FIRST, I'M PLEASED TO SAY THAT THE *TWO-YEAR M.A. ON LINE IN ADDICTIONS STUDIES IN SPANISH*, WHICH WAS SUPPORTED FINANCIALLY AND TECHNICALLY BY CICAD, *HAS NOW GRADUATED THREE CLASSES OF STUDENTS*. IT IS BEING *REFORMULATED* INTO A *MODULAR* PROGRAM THAT BETTER MEETS THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE WORKING IN THIS AREA. *THE ON-LINE PROGRAM IS EXPECTED TO BE RELAUNCHED IN THE SUMMER OF NEXT YEAR*, WITH CLASSES BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER 2010. SOME NEW UNIVERSITIES WILL BE PARTICIPATING, JOINING OTHERS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE PREVIOUS PROGRAM, SUCH AS THE *CAYETANO HEREDIA* IN PERU, AND THE *NATIONAL DISTANCE EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF COSTA RICA*.

SECOND: I HAVE TO REPORT A BIT OF BAD NEWS ABOUT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ON-LINE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES. AFTER GRADUATING TWO CLASSES, *THE UNIVERSITY HAS DECIDED TO SUSPEND THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR 2009-2010*. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE *PRO-VICE CHANCELLOR* OF UWI, WHO HAS SAID THAT WITH THE LAUNCH OF THE FOURTH UWI CAMPUS, WHICH IS A "VIRTUAL" CAMPUS, EXISTING ON-LINE PROGRAMS, SUCH AS OURS, ARE BEING EVALUATED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY SHOULD CONTINUE, OR BE REFORMULATED. WE HOPE TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION ON THE FUTURE OF THIS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM AT THE NEXT CICAD MEETING IN THE SPRING OF 2010.

THIRD: THE MAYOR AND CITY OF LUGO AND CICAD WILL BE HOSTING A SUMMIT IN LUGO, SPAIN ON APRIL 18-20, 2010, AS PART OF OUR INITIATIVE CALLED "EU-LAC CITY PARTNERSHIPS TO IMPROVE DRUG TREATMENT". THIS SUMMIT WILL BE HELD UNDER THE SPANISH PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION. WE EXPECT TO BRING TOGETHER A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CITIES, NATIONAL DRUG COMMISSIONS, AND HEALTH AND JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC. IT WILL BE A MAJOR EVENT, AND I URGE YOU TO ASSURE TOP-NOTCH PARTICIPATION BY YOUR COUNTRIES AND CITIES.

*FOURTH: AT THE LAST CICAD SESSION IN WASHINGTON, IT WAS THE WISH OF THIS COMMISSION THAT THE SECRETARIAT PREPARE AND SEND TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR FUNDING A NEW PROJECT PROPOSAL THAT WOULD BUILD ON AND EXPAND THE CURRENT *EULAC* CITIES INITIATIVE.*

WE DID THAT – WE DEVELOPED A CONCEPT PAPER, AND THEN PREPARED A 50 PAGE PROPOSAL, WHICH SECRETARY GENERAL INSULZA SENT TO EU COMMISSIONER BENITA FERRERO WALDNER IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR.

*I MADE TWO VISITS TO BRUSSELS TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF FUNDING. IT IS WITH GREAT REGRET THAT I MUST REPORT THE DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION NOT TO FUND THE CONTINUATION OF THE CURRENT *EULAC* PROJECT BEYOND ITS EXPIRATION DATE IN 2010.*

COMMISSIONER FERRERO-WALDNER SAID IN A LETTER THAT I HAVE CIRCULATED TO YOU THAT THE PROPOSAL IS "WELL TARGETED AND IN LINE WITH EU OBJECTIVES ON DRUG MATTERS". HOWEVER, OUR PROJECT DOES NOT SEEM TO

FIT IN WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S OWN PRIORITIES FOR LATIN AMERICA AT THE MOMENT.

THE FUNDING EARMARKED FOR THE NEW EU COOPERATION PROGRAM ON DRUGS WITH LATIN AMERICA, CALLED 'COPOLAD', WILL BE EXECUTED BY MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, AND WILL FOCUS ON SUPPLY REDUCTION AND DRUG TRAFFICKING, AND NOT ON DEMAND REDUCTION.

I AM CERTAIN THAT YOU WILL BE AS *DISAPPOINTED* AS I AND MY STAFF ARE. WE, AND MANY OF YOU, HAD MADE STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE REQUEST TO THE EC FOR NEW FUNDS, AS HAD REPRESENTATIVES OF SOME EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT THE SECRETARIAT IS WORKING VERY HARD TO SECURE FUNDING *FROM OTHER SOURCES* FOR THIS PROJECT.

RAISING FUNDS IS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT THINGS THAT THE SECRETARIAT DOES – I AND THE CICAD STAFF SPEND CONSIDERABLE TIME AND EFFORT TO FIND FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS TO HELP MEMBER STATES IN THEIR DRUG CONTROL AND DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAMS. SOMETIMES WE SUCCEED, SOMETIMES WE HAVE SETBACKS, AS WE APPEAR TO HAVE HAD IN THIS INSTANCE.

MEANWHILE, WE WILL HOLD THE CITY SUMMIT IN LUGO, WITH OUTSTANDING SUPPORT FROM THE MAYOR AND THE CITY, THE SPANISH FEDERATION OF CITIES, THE SPANISH PRESIDENCY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE SPANISH NATIONAL DRUG PLAN, AMONG OTHERS.

CICAD AND THE CITY OF COIMBRA, PORTUGAL WILL HOST ANOTHER CITY FORUM IN THE SECOND HALF OF 2010.

I WANT TO END BY SAYING THAT I INTEND TO MAKE THIS UPDATE OF ACTIVITIES A REGULAR PART OF FUTURE CICAD MEETINGS, IN LINE WITH MY

“FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE” DISCUSSION EARLIER, BECAUSE IT IS IMORTANT THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT WORK AS ONE TO ADDRESS AND PROVIDE PRACTICAL RESPONSES TO THE DRUG PROBLEM IN THE HEMISPHERE.