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Crime, insecurity and violence present important challenges to Central American and Caribbean States and demand an effective response from both governmental authorities and society as a whole. The Commitment to Public Security in the Americas (Mexico, 2008) established that public policies conducive to enhancing citizen security must be based on accurate, systematic and readily-available information. Only through the possession of reliable data can States forge public security plans and strategies; evaluate their impact and effectiveness and adopt necessary corrective measures; and, ultimately, be accountable to their citizens.

Convinced of the need to promote cooperation, technical assistance and the transfer of knowledge between Member States in the field of collecting and analyzing security-related information, the Government of the Republic of Panama and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States will convene a Forum, *Informa-*

tion: An Essential Tool in Public Security Management, in Panama City on October 13-14, 2011.

Through the employment of methodologies designed to promote dialogue, the participants, Government representatives, sub-regional organizations and international agencies will be provided with the necessary space to forge cooperation-based initiatives geared towards developing institutional capacities at the national level. The implementation of cooperation-based initiatives will be aided and facilitated by the General Secretariat of the OAS.

Thanks to generous contributions provided by the Governments of Canada and Spain, two participants from each State will receive full-funding to attend the Forum. Participants must be officials responsible for the coordination and execution of information-gathering and analysis related to public security.