

**PROPOSAL OF TOPICS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE
FIFTH JOINT MEETING WITH LEGAL ADVISORS OF THE
MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
MEMBER STATES OF THE OAS**

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I have been thinking that perhaps the Meeting with the Legal Advisors should be held in the last week of the August 2003 regular session, that is, the week beginning 26th. This seems to be the most suitable date because the start of the customary August regular session invariably cuts short the vacations of the legal advisors from the Northern hemisphere, which has probably been the reason for their poor attendance at the meetings. The new dates could also give the students attending the Course on International Law an opportunity to participate, since the course will practically be over by then. It would also be a better closure to both the Course and the Regular Session.

On the other hand, I believe that, on this occasion, the meeting should focus on two or three topics, as follows: **Juridical feasibility of FTAA; Terrorism and Hemispheric Security, International Criminal Court and the Inter-American System.**

Each topic should be prepared and presented by one speaker and two commentators. The speaker and commentators should be legal advisors of the member States of the OAS. Thus, for example, on the first topic, the speaker could be the Legal Advisor of the United States of America and the commentators from Brazil and Chile. On the second topic, the speaker could be the Legal Advisor of Colombia and commentators from Canada and Mexico. On the third topic, the speaker could be the Legal Advisor from Argentina and the commentators from Peru and Jamaica or Nicaragua. And in any case, the moderators should be members of the IAJC. The General Secretariat will be in charge of preparing the minutes of the sessions and corresponding draft declarations.

After the presentations and comments, there will, of course, be a general discussion involving all legal advisors, IAJC members and the General Secretariat, in order to obtain, if possible, three separate Declarations on such topics.

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