

AG/RES. 2459 (XXXIX-O/09)

SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF THE  
INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE AGAINST TERRORISM

(Adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on June 4, 2009)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on the annual reports of the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization of American States (OAS) (AG/doc.../09), particularly the Annual Report of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism to the General Assembly (CP/doc.../09);

REITERATING the commitments assumed in resolutions AG/RES.. 1650 (XXIX-O/99), “Hemispheric Cooperation to Prevent, Combat, and Eliminate Terrorism”; AG/RES.. 1734 (XXX-O/00), “Observations and Recommendations on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism”; and AG/RES.. 1789 (XXXI-O/01), AG/RES.. 1877 (XXXII-O/02), AG/RES.. 1964 (XXXIII-O/03), AG/RES.. 2051 (XXXIV-O/04), AG/RES.. 2137 (XXXV-O/05), AG/RES.. 2170 (XXXVI-O/06), AG/RES.. 2272 (XXXVII-O/07), and AG/RES.. 2396 (XXXVIII-O/08), “Support for the Work of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism”;

REAFFIRMING that, as stated in the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism, terrorism, whatever its form or manifestation and whatever its origin or motivation, has no justification whatsoever, is inimical to the full enjoyment and exercise of human rights, and poses a grave threat to international peace and security, institutions, and the democratic values enshrined in the OAS Charter, the Inter-American Democratic Charter, and other regional and international instruments; and

REITERATING that it is important for the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) to sign, ratify, implement, and continue implementing, as the case may be, the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism, as well as the pertinent regional and international conventions and protocols, including the 13 universal conventions and protocols, and United Nations Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) and those of the United Nations General Assembly, in order to find, deny safe haven to, and bring to justice, on the basis of the principle of extradite or prosecute, any person who supports or facilitates the financing, planning, preparation, or perpetration of terrorist acts, or facilitates the provision of safe haven, or participates or attempts to participate in such acts, as well as resolutions 1267 (1999), and 1540 (2004);

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION the holding of the Ninth Regular Session of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) in Washington, D.C., United States, from March 4 to 6, 2009, and the adoption of the Declaration on Strengthening Border Controls and International Cooperation in the Fight against Terrorism;

RECALLING the need to confront terrorism through sustained cooperation, with full respect for the obligations imposed by international law, including international human rights law, international humanitarian law, and international refugee law;

REAFFIRMING that the fight against terrorism demands the broadest possible cooperation among the member states and coordination among international and regional organizations, in order to prevent, punish, and eliminate terrorism in all its forms;

RECOGNIZING the importance of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, of September 8, 2006 (document A/RES/60/288), and the importance of its implementation in the fight against terrorism; and

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION:

That to date, 24 member states have ratified or acceded to the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism, and

The holding of the Seventh Meeting of CICTE's National Points of Contact, on March 3, 2009, in Washington, D.C., United States,

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate its most vigorous condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations as criminal and unjustifiable under any circumstances, in any place, and regardless of who perpetrates it, and because it poses a grave threat to international peace and security, to the rule of law, and to the democracy, stability, and prosperity of the countries of the region.

2. To endorse the Declaration on Strengthening Border Controls and International Cooperation in the Fight against Terrorism, adopted by the member states of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) at its Ninth Regular Session, and to encourage the member states to fulfill the commitments contained therein.

3. To urge member states that have not yet done so to sign, ratify, or accede to, as the case may be, and to implement in an effective way, the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism, as well as the 13 related universal conventions and protocols and the relevant resolutions of the United Nations Security Council.

4. To reiterate the importance of adopting measures to strengthen international cooperation mechanisms, especially at the hemispheric level, including the application of extradition and mutual legal assistance as well as the exchange of information, including financial information, in accordance with domestic law, in order to find, deny safe haven to, and bring to justice any person who supports, facilitates, participates, or attempts to participate in the financing, planning, preparation, or perpetration of terrorist acts or provides safe haven.

5. To call upon all member states that have not yet done so to ratify the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism and to implement it effectively.

6. To express its abiding commitment to fight terrorism and the financing thereof with full respect for the rule of law and international law, including international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and international refugee law, the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism, and United Nations Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and to improve the implementation of the Nine Special Recommendations on Terrorist Financing of the Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering (FATF).

7. To express its satisfaction with the progress made by member states in the adoption of effective measures to prevent, combat, and eradicate terrorism; and to underscore the need to continue identifying cooperation mechanisms in the fight against terrorism at the bilateral, subregional, regional, and international levels and strengthening their application.

8. To reiterate its satisfaction with the forum for dialogue, coordination, and cooperation that CICTE affords, and for its efforts to identify measures to strengthen hemispheric cooperation to prevent, combat, and eliminate terrorism, including the technical assistance provided to states that so request, with the aim of fulfilling the obligations assumed in the different binding international instruments, in accordance with the CICTE Work Plan.

9. To instruct the CICTE Secretariat to implement the programs and projects approved in the CICTE Work Plan for 2009.

10. Once again to thank the member states and permanent observers that have contributed human and other resources to the CICTE Secretariat for implementation of CICTE's Work Plan.

11. Once again to call upon member states, permanent observers, and pertinent international organizations to maintain or increase, as appropriate, their voluntary financial contributions and/or contributions of human resources to CICTE to enable it to perform its functions and promote the improvement of its programs and areas of activity.

12. To instruct the General Secretariat to continue providing the CICTE Secretariat, within the resources allocated in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources, with administrative and any other support needed, including support for the Tenth Regular Session of CICTE, scheduled to be held at the headquarters of the Organization of American States, in Washington, D.C., from March 17 to 19, 2010, including the three preparatory meetings for that regular session; and for the Eighth Meeting of CICTE's National Points of Contact, which will take place in conjunction with that regular session.

13. To request the Chair of CICTE to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth regular session on the implementation of this resolution, the execution of which shall be subject to the availability of financial resources in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources.