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Counterterrorism Activities

Preparations for CICTE V Advance in Washington: Agenda, Rules, Work Plan Drafts Approved

In three preparatory meetings, on October 28, November 22, and January 24 OAS Member State delegations approved drafts for CICTE V's calendar, discussion theme, and 2005 Work Plan, as well as the proposed revision to the CICTE rules and procedures. The Chair established a working group led by Trinidad and Tobago to consider the draft Declaration of Port of Spain.

Trinidad and Tobago will play host to CICTE V, as well as the annual meeting of National Points of Contact, from 16 to 18 of February of 2005.

Fifteen Caribbean Participants Certified in ICAO Management Course for Air Security Personnel

Fifteen participants from Barbados, St Kitts, St Lucia, The Bahamas, Belize, Guyana and host country Trinidad and Tobago studied crisis management procedures at an International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) workshop, November 8 – 12, 2004 in Port of Spain, Trinidad. CICTE sponsored the workshop, held under the auspices of the Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority.

The purpose of this course was to provide personnel with the knowledge and skills needed to develop and implement sound crisis management procedures. Upon completion, among other things participants were expected to: - explain the need for a crisis management plan to respond to major security emergencies occurring at airports; and identify the composition and function of a crisis management team.

El Salvador Hosts 54 Participants in Central America Port Security Course

The regional conference hosted by El Salvador was organized by CICTE and focused on the updated IMO port security requirements. Instructors from the US Maritime Administration, Coast Guard, Customs Agency, and the Miami-Dade Port Police, as well as the El Salvadoran Port Authority briefed the participants on new recommendations related to

information distribution and scanning techniques to reduce security vulnerabilities of port infrastructure and cargo. The 54 participants came from Nicaragua, Panama, Haiti, Honduras Mexico and Guatemala, and received IMO certificates.

CICTE, UNODC Lead Asuncion Workshop on International Counter-Terrorism Conventions

CICTE Executive Secretary Steven Monblatt joined representatives of the UN Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the UN Human Rights Commission in a week-long workshop on the key international counter-terrorism conventions, as well as UNSCR 1373, in Asuncion, Paraguay, November 29 – December 4. The workshop, organized by the Government of Paraguay, was held to acquaint local political and civic leaders with the international requirements of these conventions, and to review with the Paraguayan authorities, their draft counter-terrorism legislation. Workshop discussions led Paraguayan legislative drafters to revise parts of their project and to present it to the Paraguayan Congress this month, prior to their legislative recess. Paraguay has now ratified all 12 UN counter-terrorism conventions, as well as the Inter-American Counter-Terrorism Convention.

Other Recent Events

- December 1-10: Air Transport of Dangerous Goods Course (Kingston, Jamaica): This follow-up to the workshop on Dangerous Goods held in Miami, Florida in February 2004 increased awareness of the vulnerabilities in port security and provide aviation security personnel with the knowledge and skills necessary to improve cargo inspection tactics.
- December 8-15: First Port Security Assessment, St. Lucia
- 4-5 de Enero: Seminar on Legislation: Second National Internacional Convention Implementation Seminar , San Salvador, El Salvador.

Future Events

- January 26-28, 2005: UNCTC Meeting of Regional and International Counter-terrorism organizations, Almaty, Kazakhstan
- February, 2005: Second Annual World-wide Security Conference, East West Institute, Brussels, Belgium
- February 16: III CICTE National Points of Contact Meeting, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
- February 16-18, 2005: *Fifth Regular Session of CICTE* (Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago)
- February 28 – March 1, 2005: First Interpol Global Conference on Preventing Bioterrorism, Lyon, France
- March, 2005: Andean Regional Port Security Course, Guayaquil, Ecuador

Recent Developments in the News

According *Peru.com* of October 22, **Peruvian President Alejandro Toledo and his Colombian counterpart Álvaro Uribe Vélez, ratified their strategic partnership in**

the fight against the terrorism, drug trafficking, corruption and poverty, and agreed to work towards South American integration. In an act in the Palace of Government of Peru, both heads of state signed a joint declaration on political, commercial and defense agreements. “In you we did not find hesitancy, we did not find doubt, no calculations or suspect, but steadfastness to support the antiterrorist struggle”, said President Uribe Vélez to the Peruvian chief.

For More information:

www.peru.com/noticias/idocs/2004/10/22/DetalleDocumento_171038.asp

The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will withdraw from their on-line library documents they say that the terrorists might use to perpetrate attacks, according to report of *Noticiasdot.com* of October 27. Though the documents that are on the Internet page do not contain secret material, some documents of the cyber library contained information on the storage of radioactive substances that might be used to make a nuclear bomb. After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, more than 1000 documents were withdrawn from Internet page of the NRC. Likewise, in later reviews, they eliminated more documents, and now hope to make sure that the documents that are there and that might be useful for terrorists are inaccessible.

More information in:

<http://noticiasdot.com/publicaciones/2004/1004/2710/noticias271004/noticias271004-4htm>

According to *The Mercury Times* on October 27, **Mexico is investigating two men who were expelled from Central America and whose use of false passports led officials to suspect possible terrorism links.** Attorney General Rafael Macedo de la Concha said officials wanted to determine why the two were in the region and whether they were trying to travel to the United States. Officials have long worried that terrorists would tap into illegal migrant and drug trafficking networks leading into the United States, although there has been no evidence of that. Still, recent events have raised concerns: Honduran officials said in July a suspect Al Qaida figure, Adnan G. El Shukrijumah, had been spotted there earlier in the year.

More information in:

www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/world/9743683.htm?1c

US and Canadian officials recently held their first cross border terrorism drill, according to an article published by BBC News on October 27. Both **countries worked through the details of how to respond if weapons of mass destruction were to be used along the boarder.** The participants including teams of police and firemen spent the day planning their response to a mock incident. A legal team from the US attorney's and the Vermont attorney general's office were there to answer legal questions. This activity is the first authorized by the US Department of Homeland Security of a series of similar exercises that will be held for the 26 US-Canadian and US-Mexican border jurisdictions.

The New York Times reported on November 12 that the **Dutch police raided a site they described as a terrorist training camp for Kurdish separatists in the Southern Netherlands.** The police arrested 38 people there and at other places in the country in an ongoing concentrated effort to stop militants and combat terrorism. Night-vision

equipment and a gun were also found and according to the Dutch authorities these series of raids blocked a new attack.

Colombian officials revealed a FARC's plot to assassinate President Bush during his four hour visit to the country.

The US State Department will soon begin issuing passports that will carry a computer chip with information about the traveler. The passports are going to be issued in 2005 to government employees initially.

On 2 December, the Port Security News reported that **ABS Consulting has won a first-of-its-kind contract with the Organization of American States (OAS/CICTE) to help Latin American countries comply with new regulations established by the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS).** ABS Consulting will evaluate the degree of compliance with the ISPS code and provide Member State governments with a report and specific recommendations for improvement.

New Documents

- C185 Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (Revised), 2003

New Documents in OLAT

- Special Recommendation IX: Cash Couriers. By Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering
- FATF targets cross-boarder cash movements by terrorist and criminals. By Financial Action Task Force
- Protecting America from terrorist attack. By the FBI
- Preventing Bio-Terrorism. By Interpol