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Counter-Terrorism Activities:

- **U.N. Security Council Approves Resolution Against Terrorism**

The UN Security Council unanimously adopted a new resolution that calls on states to prohibit by law the incitement of terrorist acts. The resolution, passed at the U.N. World Summit, also request states to cooperate to strengthen border security and to improve the dialogue among civilized nations. It finally reminds states that all counter-terrorism policies should be consistent with human rights, international humanitarian law, and refugees' rights.

For more information:

Res. 1624 (2005), en

<http://daccessdds.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N05/510/55/PDF/N0551055.pdf?OpenElement>

<http://www.un.org/spanish/News/fullstorynews.asp?newsID=5370&criteria1=Consejo>

- **St. Kitts & Nevis Assembly Debates Anti-Terrorism Act Amendments**

The St. Kitts & Nevis National Assembly will debate, by the end of September, amendments to its Anti-Terrorism Act of 2002. Among the proposed reforms, the new bill replaces the concept of 'terrorist activity' with 'terrorist act'. Thus, any act that involves serious damages to a person or property; that jeopardizes a person life; that creates a risk to the health or safety of the public; that involves the use of firearms or explosives; and that involves the release of toxic or dangerous substances to the environment, will be considered a terrorist act.

Another amendment refers to the freezing of funds by a court, in case a person is charged with an offence under the Act.

For more information:

<http://sunstkitts.com/paper/?asknw=view&asknw=view,view,view&sun=244656109809232005&an=493915098909232005&ac=Local>

- **FBI Provides World Cup Cricket Help**

'The Caribbean could become a target for terrorist acts during the World Cup Cricket Championship' acknowledged Jamaica's National Security Minister, Dr. Meter Phillips. Dr. Phillips spoke at the Wyndham Rose Hall Hotel, where the Organization of American States held its second counter-terrorism simulation exercise from September 8th to 9th. In preparation for the World Cup Cricket, the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism of the OAS (CICTE) had also organized a one week Hostage Negotiation training course at the same hotel from August 29th to September 2nd 2005.

In March 2007, the Caribbean countries expect to receive more than 100,000 tourists from all over the world, many of whom come from countries in conflict, such as Pakistan or Sri Lanka. In many countries there are conflicts related to terrorism and thus, "*there is always the potential that we in the Caribbean could become the stage on which other conflicts get acted out*", Phillips said.

The Minister remarked that Jamaica has already taken important steps to improve its border control, to increase intelligence-gathering capacities with the CARICOM countries, and to provide training to law enforcement officials.

For more information: http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/html/20050909T000000-0500_87936_OBS_NOW_FBI_OFFERS_WORLD_CUP_CRICKET_HELP.asp

- **Argentina and the United States Discuss Counter-terrorism Efforts**

Deborah McCarthy, the Senior Advisor for Counterterrorism of the US State Department office of Western Hemisphere Affairs, acknowledged U.S. satisfaction with the counter-terrorism policies adopted by Argentina, especially in the Tri-Border Area and stressed that Argentina is a key partner for the United States. McCarthy spoke at The Woodrow Wilson Center seminar on '*Homeland Security and bilateral relations between the United States and Argentina*' along with government officials and academics from both countries. During the seminar, Luis Tibiletti Argentine Secretary of Security, Amb. Victor Beauge, of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and CICTE NPC for Argentina, and Juan C. Frias, Secretary of the Bicameral Intelligence Commission expressed the government's commitment to fight terrorism with respect for multilateralism and human rights.

For more information: <http://www.clarin.com/diario/2005/09/21/elpais/p-01401.htm>

- **Government Cyber Security experts meet in Sao Paulo**

Cyber-security experts from 20 nations agreed to create a regional cyber-security alert system at the II Meeting of Government Cyber-security Practitioners in Sao Paulo, Brazil from September 14 to 16, 2005. The meeting, organized by the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE), recommended the establishment of an Inter-American network of cyber security experts. Steven Monblatt, Executive Secretary of CICTE, called for developing a comprehensive cyber security strategy to prevent and respond to potential attacks. The objective is to have a group of experts '*to create a culture of cyber security around the hemisphere*', he added.

For more information:

http://www.elmostrador.cl/modulos/noticias/constructor/noticia_new.asp?id_noticia=168852

<http://mouse.tercera.cl/detail.asp?story=2005/09/14/18/12/56>

<http://br.news.yahoo.com/050914/40/xgiv.html>

Recent Events:

- 6-9 September, 2005: Seminar on Professional Standards on Integrity for Border Security and Law Enforcement Personnel. (Barbados)
- 8-9 September, 2005: Second Counter Terrorism Simulation Exercise CTSIMEX II (Montego Bay, Jamaica)
- 14-16 de September, 2005: II Meeting of Government Cyber-security Practitioners (Sao Paulo, Brazil)
- 22 September, 2005: Meeting between CICTE Executive Commission and Chilean Carabineers. (Washington, DC)
- 3-4 October 2005: International Conference on Cyber Security. ArCERT and ONTI - (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

For more information, please visit: <http://www.arcert.gov.ar/tc/index.html>.

- 3-7 October, 2005: National Workshop on Legislation (Guatemala City, Guatemala)

Future Events:

- 10-14 October, 2005: National Workshop on Legislation (Tegucigalpa, Honduras)
- 10-15 October, 2005: Maritime security training -“Train-the-Trainer” Course (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- 11-20 October, 2005: (AVSEC) National Auditors-Inspectors Course (Quito, Ecuador)
- 24-28 October, 2005: IMO Regional Forum on Maritime Security (Veracruz, México)
- 29 Nov- 2 Dec: “Workshop on Prevention and Fight Against Terrorism and Financing of Terrorism”, Buenos Aires – Argentina

Latest news:

- **Spain Convicts Al Qaeda members of Conspiracy in 9/11 Attacks:** Eighteen members of the Spanish cell of Al Qaeda, including the Syrian ‘Abu Dahdah’, were convicted by a Spanish court of conspiracy in the terrorist attacks of 9/11. Although the Prosecution office had requested 74.377 years in prison for Abu Dahdah, the court did not find enough evidence to convict him of murdering the nearly 3,000 people that died in 9/11. He was finally sentenced to 27 years.

For more information: [Counter-Terrorism News Bulletin, Monday 26 September 2005](#)

- **9 Held in France Planned to Attack.** French officials arrested nine Islamic militants outside Paris for plotting a terrorist attack on the subway system, the airport and the intelligence headquarters. The detainees, who were under surveillance since early 2005, are suspected of being part of an Algerian terrorist organization with ties to Al Qaeda. France has tightened its security controls since the London attacks and is working on a new anti-terrorist act.

For more information: <http://www.nytimes.com/2005/09/28/international/europe/28france.html>

- **The Irish Republican Army (IRA) concludes its disarmament.** After thirty years of armed struggle and more than 3,000 victims of the conflict, the Irish Republican Army confirmed the total destruction of its arsenal. The decision was welcomed by the Prime Minister Tony Blair and the Prime Minister of Ireland, Bertie Arhen; who claimed that the disarmament process is an ‘historic moment’ for the peace of Northern Ireland.

For more information: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/northern_ireland/4283444.stm

- In a Security Meeting held in Cartagena de Indias, the Director of Security of Colombia, Jorge Noguera, stated that the **FARC have infiltrated Chile and Argentina.** According to Noguera, members of the FARC have been able to enter these countries because in [these countries] “*there are organizations that see them with romantic criteria, as right defenders, as rebels*”. The presence of FARC would not only be limited to Chile and Argentina, but also to Paraguay and Brazil, Noguera added.

For more information:

<http://diario.elmercurio.com/2005/09/18/reportajes/reportajes/noticias/CD7F3088-E5D5-4B4A-8E85-AC6F60CDB304.htm>

- In an article published by the magazine **Homeland Security**, Trinidad and Tobago Minister of Security, Sen. Martin Joseph emphasized the work undertaken by the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) to improve the capacities of member States in their counterterrorism policies. Since 9/11, CICTE has developed training courses for port and custom officers, simulation exercises built around the seizure of a cruise ship by terrorists and a hostage-taking incident at a resort, among other activities.

For more information: <http://www.mcgraw-hillhomelandsecurity.com/>

New Documents in OLAT:

- Homeland Security. A perspective from the Caribbean. Senator Martin Joseph – Minister of National Security for Trinidad and Tobago
- Bioterrorism Preparedness, Training and Assessment Exercises for Local Health Public Agencies. Rand Corporation.

- Third report of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team appointed pursuant to resolution 1526 (2004) concerning Al-Qaeda and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities. United Nations.