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**Department against Transnational Organized Crime (DTOC)  
I Meeting of the Group of Experts for  
the Control of Money Laundering  
Virtual Regular Meeting of Sub-Working Groups  
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## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **Work groups:**

Group of Experts for the Control of Money Laundering (GELAVEX)  
Sub-Working Group on International Cooperation and Confiscation; and  
Sub-Working Group on Financial Intelligence Units and Criminal Investigation Organizations.

### **Source of the Terms of Reference:**

Department against Transnational Organized Crime (DTOC), Secretariat for Multidimensional Security (SMS).

### **Organization:**

Organization of American States (OAS)

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### **In accordance with:**

The recommendations of the Group of Experts from their meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, held virtually from Asuncion, Paraguay (GELAVEX XLIX); and

The 2020-2021 work plan approved during the XLIX GELAVEX Meeting.

### **Considering:**

- That, as a basis for the work of the Group of Experts for the Control of Money Laundering (GELAVEX), the areas of action identified by GELAVEX at its XXIV Plenary Meeting that took place from November 7 to 9, 2007, in Santiago, Chile, are: confiscation, forfeiture or loss of ownership, asset recovery agencies, coordination and integration between financial intelligence units (FIU) and prosecution and investigation agencies, and terrorist financing;
- That GELAVEX will hold two annual meetings: one during the first semester, exclusively for the Working Sub-Groups, and another in the second semester, for the holding of the group plenary and, on the same occasion, another meeting for the Working Sub-Groups;



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- That the plenary of the Group of Experts, at its virtual meeting from November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from Asunción, Paraguay (LAVEX XLIX), recommended approving the proposed lines of action for a new GELAVEX Strategic Plan for the 2020-2023 period;
- That, in accordance with the approved 2019-2020 work plan, the Working Sub-Group on Forfeiture and International Cooperation will work on: 1) Promoting the creation of a hemispheric or subregional Illicit Assets Administration Network, with support from the Technical Secretariat (DTOC); and 2) Promoting the creation of a model for sharing forfeited assets as a reference document for OAS member states. The Working Sub-Group on Financial Intelligence Units and Law Enforcement Agencies will focus on: 1) identifying criminal investigation cases with a focus on Crypto Assets, highlighting successful investigations in any of the Member States, to share relevant information and good practices; and 2) developing a document on the laundering of the proceeds of crimes of corruption, illegal trafficking in drugs and weapons, as well as tax fraud; with emphasis on identifying typologies and legislative analysis in the countries of the group;
- That, in the final Report of the XLV Meeting, the Group decided that the delegations of Costa Rica and Chile will coordinate the Working Sub-Groups together with the delegations of Bolivia, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, and Peru;
- That, the global pandemic, generated by the outbreak of the COVID-19, reaffirms the importance of the role of the money laundering control agencies. Ensuring that these crimes do not increase during the pandemic will allow States to focus their attention on solving the health and economic crisis.

## **Profile of Delegates to the Group of Experts:**

1. Be an official representative of an OAS Member State;
2. Desirable qualifications of delegates: expertise in criminal law, international cooperation, investigation and criminal and/or financial intelligence;
3. The following international organizations and/or entities will participate as observers: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); Global Anti-Money Laundering Program (GPML/UN); Council of Europe; Spain; Financial Action Task Force (FATF); Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF); Financial Action Task Force of Latin America (GAFILAT); Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE/OAS); Inter-American Development Bank (IDB); World Bank; International Monetary Fund (IMF); Egmont Group; Caribbean Asset Recovery Network (ARIN-Carib); GAFILAT Asset Recovery Network (RRAG); the International Union of Latin Notaries (UINL); and the Inter-American Center of Tax Administrations (CIAT).



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In order to give continuity to the work of the Group of Experts, the Technical Secretariat respectfully requests that, if possible, the countries participating in this **virtual session** nominate the delegates who have attended previous meetings. Also, to make best use of the work sessions, we suggest that countries participating in more than one sub-working group, designate, if possible, an expert for each sub-working group.

**Structure and Work Method:**

The Technical Secretariat will provide professional and administrative support for the design and development of the Final Report and other working documents and will facilitate the discussions of the Plenary and the Working Sub-Groups, providing the technical elements requested. Once the agreements are approved, they will be sent to the Member States for review and consideration and must be verified within 30 days. After the stated deadline, the Secretariat will circulate the final document.

**Funding:**

The costs of the L Virtual Regular Session of the GELAVEX will be covered by the Department against Transnational Organized Crime (DTOC).