

Fifth Meeting of the Working Group on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters and Extradition  
May 30 - 31, 2012  
Asuncion, Paraguay.

**DRAFT AGENDA\***

- Training workshop: Tuesday, May 29:

14:30 hrs – 17:30 hrs: Training workshop.<sup>†</sup>

- Day One: Wednesday, May 30:

09:00 hrs – 09:45 hrs: Opening session:

- Remarks by the Representative of the OAS Secretary General.  
*Mr. Jean Michel Arrighi, Secretary for Legal Affairs*
- Remarks by the Attorney General of the Republic of Paraguay.  
*Mr. Javier Díaz Verón*
- Remarks by the Minister of Justice and Labor of the Republic of Paraguay. *Mr. Humberto Blasco*
- Remarks by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Paraguay. *Mr. Jorge Lara Castro*

09:45 hrs – 10:00 hrs: Break.

10:00 hrs – 10:45 hrs: Background and development of the mandates of the Working Group.<sup>1/</sup> *Presentation by the Department of Legal Cooperation of the OAS General Secretariat.*

10:45 hrs – 12:30 hrs: Hemispheric Information Exchange Network for Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters and Extradition: Recent progress and upcoming developments.<sup>2/</sup> *Presentation by the Department of Information and Technology Services and the Department of Legal Cooperation of the OAS General Secretariat.*

12:30 hrs – 14:00 hrs: Break.

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\* This draft agenda was prepared in accordance with provision 27(a) of the “Document of Washington”, available at: [http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/doc\\_washington\\_VII\\_en.pdf](http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/doc_washington_VII_en.pdf)

† This Training Workshop on the use of the Secure Electronic Communication System (*Groove*) will take place at the building of the Office of the Attorney General (*Fiscalía General de la República*) and will be provided to those users of the System who have previously completed and submitted the corresponding registration form.

1 Item included pursuant to recommendation I, 1 of the Fourth Meeting of the Working Group (PENAL/doc.29/09 rev. 1, available at: [www.oas.org/juridico/mla/en/recommenIV\\_en.pdf](http://www.oas.org/juridico/mla/en/recommenIV_en.pdf)).

2. Item included pursuant to recommendations II, 6 of the Fourth Meeting of the Working Group (PENAL/doc.29/09 rev. 1) and III, 5 of REMJA VIII (REMJA-VIII/doc.4 rev. 1, available at: [www.oas.org/en/sla/dlc/remja/recom\\_VIII\\_en.pdf](http://www.oas.org/en/sla/dlc/remja/recom_VIII_en.pdf)).

14:00 hrs – 17:30 hrs: Instruments for legal cooperation on mutual assistance in criminal matters:

- Proposed Protocol to the Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters relative to the use of new communication technologies and hearings by videoconference (PENAL/doc.31/12).<sup>3/</sup>
- Proposed bilateral model agreement to establish a legal framework for joint investigation teams (PENAL/doc.32/12).<sup>4/</sup>
- Best practices with respect to the gathering of statements, documents and physical evidence, with respect to mutual legal assistance in relation to the tracing, restraint (freezing) and forfeiture (confiscation) of assets which are the proceeds or instrumentalities of crime and forms on mutual assistance in criminal matters (PENAL/doc.19/07 rev. 1) and the Model Law on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (PENAL/doc.20/07 rev. 1).<sup>5/</sup>
- Other national developments.<sup>‡</sup>

- Day Two: Thursday, May 31:

09:00 hrs – 11:00 hrs: Legal cooperation in the area of extradition: progress at national and subregional levels, including the Central American Treaty on Arrest Warrants and Simplified Extradition Procedures in the framework of the Central American Integration System (SICA); the CARICOM Arrest Warrant Treaty; the proposal for a MERCOSUR Arrest Order (MMC); and the European Arrest Warrant (EAW), with a view to the development of legal cooperation instruments on extradition..<sup>6/ ‡</sup>

11:00 hrs – 12:30 hrs: National and regional developments in the area of the protection of victims and witnesses.<sup>‡</sup>

12:30 hrs – 14:00 hrs: Break.

14:00 hrs – 17:30 hrs: - Consideration and adoption of the Recommendations from the Meeting.

- Venue of the Sixth Meeting of the Working Group.
- Other business.
- Closing Session.

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3. Item included pursuant to recommendations II, 3 of the Fourth Meeting of the Working Group (PENAL/doc.29/09 rev. 1) y II, 4 a), and III, 3, of REMJA VIII (REMJA-VIII/doc.4 rev. 1).

4. Item included pursuant to recommendation II, 4 d) of REMJA VIII (REMJA-VIII/doc.4 rev. 1).

5. Item included pursuant to recommendation I, 2 of the Fourth Meeting of the Working Group (PENAL/doc.29/09 rev. 1).

‡ If any Delegation is interested in making an introductory presentation at this item of the agenda, they are requested to notify the General Secretariat of the OAS in this regard (Department of Legal Cooperation, [LegalCooperation@oas.org](mailto:LegalCooperation@oas.org)) by no later than May 15, 2012.

6. Item included pursuant to recommendations I, 5 of the Fourth Meeting of the Working Group (PENAL/doc.29/09 rev. 1) y II, 4 b), de la REMJA VIII (REMJA-VIII/doc.4 rev. 1).