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SPECIAL SESSION

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FIFTH SESSION

Special Session on cooperation in investigations and procedures related to corruption, tax crimes and associated money laundering.

This Special Session is held as a follow-up to the Lima Commitment –Mandates 37 and 44 - within the framework of the XLVIII Meeting of the Group of Experts for the Control of Money Laundering (GELAVEX) of the OAS, with the support of the Department against Transnational Organized Crime (DTOC), GELAVEX Technical Secretariat; and the Summits Secretariat, as Technical Secretariat and institutional memory of the Summits of the Americas Process.

In April 2018, the Heads of State and Government of the Western Hemisphere agreed by consensus, at the Eighth Summit of the Americas, to carry out an ambitious agenda to address corruption and democratic governance in the region. The "Lima Commitment: Democratic Governance against Corruption" establishes 57 mandates, to be implemented by the States participating in the Eighth Summit with the collaboration of international and regional organizations that make up the Joint Summit Working Group (JSWG).

10:00-10:15 INNAUGURATION AND WELCOME ADDRESS:

Javier Augusto Sarmiento Olarte, Deputy Minister of Crime Policy and Restorative Justice of the Ministry of Justice and Law of Colombia, y Chair of the Group of Experts for the Control of Money Laundering (GELAVEX).

James Lambert, Secretary for Hemispheric Affairs (SHA) of the OAS.

Farah Urrutia, Secretary for Multidimensional Security of the OAS.

María Celina Conte, Interim Director of the Secretariat of Summits of the Americas.



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Gastón Schulmeister, Director of the Department against Transnational Organized Crime (DTOC) of the OAS.

Moderator: **Karoline Moraes**, Project Officer of the Department against Transnational Organized Crime (DTOC) of the OAS.

SIXTH SESSION

- 10:15-10:30** Presentation - Tax Fraud: Investigation techniques and associated money laundering in the post COVID-19 context. **Marcos Roca**, Tax and Crime Advisor, Task Force on Tax Crimes and Other Crimes, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).
- 10:30-10:50** Discussion and proposals.
- 10:50-11:05** Presentation - Misappropriation of emergency funds: legal structures to hide stolen property. **Yara Esquivel Soto**, Senior Financial Sector Specialist at the World Bank.
- 11:05-11:25** Discussion and proposals.
- 11:25-11:40** Presentation - Transparency in the international exchange of tax information. Tax policy and administration measures in the COVID-19 context. **Márcio F. Verdi**, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Center of Tax Administrations (CIAT).
- 11:40-12:00** Discussion and proposals.
- 12:00-12:15** Presentation - Developments in the Follow-Up Mechanism for the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (MESICIC) to strengthen the legal-institutional frameworks in the prosecution and punishment of acts of corruption. **Laura Martinez**, Department of Legal Cooperation, Secretariat for Legal Affairs of the OAS.
- 12:15-12:35** Discussion and proposals.

SEVENTH SESSION

12:35-12:50 ROUND OF CONCLUSIONS

Led by the Chair and Vice Chair of GELAVEX.

12:50-13:00 CLOSING REMARKS

María Celina Conte, Interim Director of the Secretariat of Summits of the Americas.

Gastón Schulmeister, Director of the Department against Transnational Organized Crime (DTOC) of the OAS.