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**Final draft (rev.1) of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) paragraphs
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Final draft (rev.1) of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) paragraphs for the Resolution “ADVANCING HEMISPHERIC SECURITY: A MULTIDIMENSIONAL APPROACH”

1. To welcome and advance the implementation of the Hemispheric Drug Strategy (HDS) of the Organization of American States (OAS) 2020 and its corresponding Plan of Action (PoA) 2021-2025; and welcome the updated methodology documents for the eighth round of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) for the period 2021-2024, and the evaluation documents for the thematic area of "Measures of Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Support" for 2021, approved during the sixty-eighth regular session of CICAD, in the Republic of Colombia in December 2020. Moreover, to encourage member states to continue strengthening bilateral and subregional cooperation mechanisms for supply and demand reduction, under the principle of common and shared responsibility, framed within the commitments and lines of action of the OAS' HDS 2020 and the PoA 2021-2025, and incorporating respect for human rights and the gender perspective.
2. To encourage member states to recognize the importance of protecting and restoring, as appropriate, the ecosystems and natural resources, which are negatively affected by the impact associated with the world drug problem. **[PER] The implementation of alternative, comprehensive, and sustainable development programs contribute to said protection and restoration, and also promote the wellbeing of the most vulnerable populations affected by illicit crops.**
3. To encourage member states to consider proportional penalties **[USA] alternative measures** for minor and/or non-violent drug-related offenses within their national legal framework and promote legal reforms, where appropriate, that include proportional sentencing, as well as to continue to incorporate innovative alternatives to incarceration with a focus on drug treatment for qualifying cases, in the framework of full respect for human rights.
4. To consider the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on people who use drugs, including persons involved in the criminal justice system, to implement measures that allow for access to health systems, as well as socio-labor integration programs.
5. To encourage member states to exchange experiences in use of cannabis for medical and scientific purposes, as appropriate, in the areas of public health, security, justice, and social reintegration, as well as promoting access to and availability of other controlled substances for such purposes.

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To encourage member states to promote access and availability of controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes, including to exchange research into potential uses of cannabis for medical and scientific purposes as well as exchange experiences in the areas of public health, security, justice, and social reintegration related to uses of cannabis and the cultivation of cannabis for such purposes and for industrial purposes.

6. To encourage member states to implement the recommendations identified in the *GENLEA Handbook: Strategies and Good Practices for Strengthening Gender Equality in Counterdrug Law Enforcement Agencies* in their efforts to ensure that said entities are more inclusive and equitable in terms of gender.
7. To encourage member states to strengthen measures to counter drug trafficking by air, land, sea, and river, recognizing the recent establishment of CICAD's Working Group on Aerial Drug Trafficking Control.

In this context, to seek support of the ES/CICAD to continue providing, upon request, technical assistance and training for competent authorities to counter drug trafficking in its various modalities, which include the sale of synthetic drugs through the Internet, their distribution through postal and express consignment services, and the emerging modalities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

8. To encourage member states to participate in the technical working groups to improve the quality of data collection on drug production, trafficking, interdiction, and drug use trends, recognizing the importance of improving the comparability of reported data and providing this information to the Early Warning System of the Americas (known by its Spanish language acronym, SATA).

To be included in the final acknowledgments of the Omnibus Resolution:

- To recognize the efforts of member states to update the evaluation documents of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) and thank the work of the Intergovernmental Working Group (IWG) and the Governmental Expert Group (GEG) of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM).
- To express appreciation and accept the offer of the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica to organize the seventieth regular session of CICAD, to be held virtually in November 2021.

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