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THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE AGAINST TERRORISM (CICTE),

RECALLING that at its Fifth Regular Session held in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago in February 2005, the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) affirmed, in the Declaration of Port-of-Spain on Strengthening Cooperation on Strategies to Sustain and Advance the Hemispheric Fight against Terrorism, its commitment “to intensify efforts to disrupt the capacity of terrorist networks to threaten the ability of individuals to travel and move safely between and recreate in Member States by strengthening the coordination and provision of technical assistance, when requested, in the establishment and implementation of and compliance with security standards and practices, including those related to tourism and recreational facilities” (CICTE/DEC. 1/05 rev. 1);

BEARING IN MIND that that commitment was noted with satisfaction by the Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly, in its resolution "Support for the Work of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism", AG/RES. 2137 (XXXV-O/05), adopted at its Thirty-Fifth Regular Session held in June 2005, occasion on which it also endorsed the abovementioned Declaration of Port-of-Spain and encouraged OAS Member States to implement the commitments contained therein;

BEARING IN MIND ALSO the United Nations Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1566 (2004), and 1624 (2005), in which the Member States undertook to adopt specific measures to combat international terrorism and to cooperate with states that are victims of terrorist acts;

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION that in fulfillment of the said Declaration of Port-of-Spain, the First Consultative Meeting of Experts was successfully held in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago on January 26 and 27, 2006, to begin developing Draft Guidelines and Requirements for the Implementation of a Program for the security of tourism and recreational facilities;

CONSIDERING that, in the face of the global threat of terrorism, the strengthening of the institutional capacity of the tourism and recreational services sectors in the region for sustainability and global competitiveness, preventing terrorist attacks on the tourism and recreational services sectors in the region, and building visitor confidence in the security and safety of the tourism and recreational services sector in the region, are of the utmost importance; and

CONSIDERING ALSO that tourism contributes to social and economic development, and the reduction of poverty;

RECOGNIZING that during the first quarter of 2007 the Cricket World Cup Tournament will be held in nine (9) Member States of the Caribbean;

AWARE OF safety and security initiatives and practices adopted internationally to safeguard tourism against terrorism, including those adopted by some OAS Member States and by international organizations, in particular the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) and the Asia-Pacific

Economic Cooperation (APEC) through its APEC International Centre for Sustainable Tourism (AICST),

TAKING NOTE THAT:

The World Code of Ethics for Tourism adopted by Resolution A/RES/406 (XIII) of the Thirteenth General Assembly of the World Tourism Organization, held in Santiago de Chile, on October 1, 1999, agreed that all public authorities share the mission to ensure protection for tourists and visitors, giving special attention to foreign visitors, due to their particular vulnerability;

The Association of Caribbean States (ACS), within the provisions of the Convention Establishing the Sustainable Tourism Zone of the Caribbean adopted by the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) in Margarita Island, Venezuela, on December 12, 2001, has included security among the tourism sustainability indicators for the ACS; and

The 1st International Tourism Fair was held in Caracas, Venezuela, on October 6, 2005, at which the Caracas Tourism Charter citing a series of commitments, including those related to security, to increase tourism within the Hemisphere, was approved;

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NOTING ALSO WITH SATISFACTION that in fulfillment of resolution AG/RES. 2137 (XXXV-O/05) of the OAS General Assembly, the Second Consultative and Implementation Planning Meeting for a Pilot Project of a Program for the security of tourism and recreational facilities in the Americas, was successfully held in Bridgetown, Barbados, on March 1, 2006; and

WELCOMING the commitment given by several Member States to participate in the said Pilot Project and to provide technical and financial assistance for the implementation of the said Pilot Project,

RESOLVES:

1. To include in the CICTE Work Plan 2006 actions related to improving the security of tourism and recreational facilities in the Americas.

2. To continue developing Guidelines and Requirements for the implementation of a Program for the Security of Tourism and Recreational Facilities in the Americas taking into account the results of a Pilot Project involving six Member States of the Caribbean in preparation for the Cricket World Cup 2007 to be implemented during the period April to September 2006, including the delivery of training and the conduct of site assessments at tourism and recreational facilities.

3. To convene a meeting of experts, to be held within the framework of the OAS, to evaluate the results of the said Pilot Project and to further assess the requirements for the security of tourism and recreational facilities in the Hemisphere, as established in paragraph 4.b of the Declaration of San Carlos on Hemispheric Cooperation for Comprehensive Action to Fight Terrorism.