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I. CICTE SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES

- Key operating principle on which the CICTE Secretariat functions is "Avoid duplication and add value"
- Detailed report on Secretariat activities contained in Chair's inter-sessional report (CICTE/doc.4/04).

II. COOPERATION BETWEEN CICTE SECRETARIAT AND OTHER ENTITIES

The CICTE Secretariat currently has active, cooperative projects with six international and regional programs and nine other OAS operating bodies (including PAHO and BID):

- The CICTE Secretariat organized a joint mission with the **UN ODC** and the **IMF** and conducted an inter-agency workshop for the Peruvian government in September. Also worked with **IMF** and **Government of Spain** on technical assistance to the Bolivian FIU.
- CICTE Secretariat hosted the 7 October Follow-on Meeting of Regional, Sub-regional and International Organizations on behalf of the **UN CTC**. This meeting brought together more than 200 participants representing more than 110 organizations and countries to discuss the means to advance international cooperation in the fight against terrorism.
- First Convention Implementation Course (Mexico, Peru, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, and Costa Rica), San Jose, Costa Rica – **UN ODC, UN CTC, UPD, OAS Legal Office, Canadian sponsorship**.
- The CICTE Secretariat participated in the drafting of United Nations Model Regulations on Extradition in support of the requirements of UN Security Council Resolution 1373 and the international terrorism conventions. The **UN ODC** will present these regulations in 2004.
- **IOM** survey of border control practices will lead to the first follow-on visit this spring in El Salvador. This visit will assess the needs and identify potential corrective courses of action regarding border management practices and procedures.
- In cooperation with **CICAD** and the **Inter-American Development Bank**, developing a training course for FIUs and others money services professionals. This course will include training on the typologies and modalities for detecting and investigating terrorist financing. The course is under development and will be available by June 2004.
- CICTE Secretariat is working with the Secretariats of **CITEL** and **REMJA** to develop a comprehensive cyber-security strategy for OAS Member States. CICTE's portion would

be a plan for a hemisphere-wide 24-hour per day, seven day per week network of national points of contact among Computer Security Incident.

- Working with the **RSS** and **PAHO**, among others, on a Caribbean terrorist exercise.
- Coordinating with **CICAD, the Ports Committee and APEC** on a maritime security program.
- With Chile in **APEC**, the CICTE Chair will begin closer coordination of counter-terrorism programs this year.
- CICTE Secretariat is an Observer in the **FATF** and has actively participated in the Working Group on Terrorist Financing, the FATF Typologies Exercise on Terrorist Financing in Oaxaca, and the Plenary of the CFATF.
- The CICTE Secretariat is using **ICAO** Civil aviation course material for training.
- In seeking to implement its training program in aviation security, the CICTE Secretariat is working in collaboration with the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD). The IACD has had experience in managing similar training programs and is providing CICTE with the means to realize the objectives of its training program for member states.

III. NEW ASPECTS OF THE CICTE WORK PLAN

A. Principal additions

- New sections on Airport and Sea Port Security to assist member states in preparing for the introduction of new mandatory International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and International Maritime Organization (IMO) security measures in 2004
- Expanded section on cyber security in recognition of work being done in this area by CICTE, CITEL, and REMJA, in support of the OAS Committee on Hemispheric Security (CSH).
- New language urging member states to ratify the Inter American Convention against Terrorism, and encouraging member states to persuade non-profit organizations working within their territories to adopt voluntary FATF guidelines on the administration of charities.
- New language updating work with CICAD on model money-laundering regulations to take account of projects completed.
- New language taking into account new encrypted information-sharing software distributed to National Points of Contact.

B. Ongoing and proposed Activities to implement the CICTE Work Plan

- CICTE Secretariat is working with CICAD, the OAS Ports Committee, and interested governments on a variety of initiatives to help member states meet the security requirements of the ISPS Code of the International Maritime Organization. These requirements are scheduled to come into effect in July of this year. The initiatives include development of self-assessment questionnaires for member states on port security practices, and a series of follow-up programs to help port authorities remedy any deficiencies they find.
- With the cooperation of the US Transportation Security Administration, we will begin this March a series of training programs on different aspects of airport security for senior airport security managers in the Caribbean basin. We plan to conduct six of these workshops this year, all geared towards helping member states meet the ICAO standards.
- In addition, given the financial impact of different kinds of port improvements, we have begun discussions with international financial institutions aimed at clarifying for member states a wide variety of available options available for funding security enhancements. The CICTE Secretariat considers meeting both the IMO and ICAO security standards – and their attendant costs - one of the most critical issues facing member states today, and for this reason there will be two presentations on the subject at this regular session.
- Working together with the governments of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, Paraguay, and the United States, the CICTE Secretariat is beginning a number of new initiatives designed to improve customs coordination and professional practices along critical border regions. The project will include on-site training and a series of exchange visits to port facilities and border-crossings.
- CICTE is working to develop a hemisphere-wide 24-hour per day, seven day per week network of national points of contact among Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs) with national responsibility (National CSIRTs), in OAS member states, capable of and charged with appropriately and rapidly responding to cyber-security related crises, incidents, and threats. This project is part of a larger effort to develop a comprehensive cyber-security strategy for OAS Member States, which we are undertaking in collaboration with CITEL and REMJA. Ambassador Escobar of El Salvador, who chairs the CSH Working Group to develop a cyber-security strategy for member states, will brief this meeting in greater detail during the plenary, and a draft paper, Framework for Establishing an Inter-American CSIRT Watch & Warning Network, will be distributed.