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THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE AGAINST TERRORISM (CICTE),

BEARING IN MIND:

That the OAS Conference on Cybersecurity, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in July 2003, [AG/RES. 1939 (XXXIII-O/03)], in demonstrating the cybersecurity threats to critical information systems, underscored the need for intersectoral cooperation and coordination among a broad range of governmental and nongovernmental entities;

That at its fourth regular session held in Montevideo in January 2004, CICTE declared its commitment to identifying and fighting emerging terrorist threats, regardless of their origins or motivation, such as threats to cybersecurity (CICTE/DEC. 1/04 rev. 3);

That on that same occasion CICTE convened a meeting to be held in Ottawa, Canada, in March 2004, of government cybersecurity experts to prepare its recommendations for the draft Comprehensive Inter-American Strategy to Combat Threats to Cybersecurity, in compliance with resolution AG/RES. 1939 (XXXIII-O/03) of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States, "Development of an Inter-American Strategy to Combat Threats to Cybersecurity";

That said meeting of government experts prepared "Recommendations on the OAS Integral Cybersecurity Strategy: Framework for Establishing the Inter-American CSIRT Watch and Warning Network"; and

That pursuant to the aforementioned General Assembly resolution, AG/RES. 1939 (XXXIII-O/03), the Committee on Hemispheric Security of the Permanent Council took into consideration the recommendations of the abovementioned meeting of government experts and prepared a proposal entitled "Comprehensive Inter-American Cybersecurity Strategy: A Multidimensional and Multidisciplinary Approach to Creating a Culture of Cybersecurity" for consideration by the General Assembly;

OBSERVING WITH SATISFACTION that through its resolution "Adoption of a Comprehensive Inter-American Strategy to Combat Threats to Cybersecurity: A Multidimensional and Multidisciplinary Approach to Creating a Culture of Cybersecurity [AG/RES. 2004 (XXXIV-O/04)], the General Assembly adopted said Strategy and urged member states to implement it and to establish or identify national "alert, watch, and warning" groups, known as "Computer Security Incident Response Teams" (CSIRTs); and

RECOGNIZING WITH APPRECIATION that in the same resolution [AG/RES. 2004 (XXXIV-O/04)] the General Assembly resolved “to support the holding of a second meeting of government cybersecurity practitioners, to be convened by CICTE for appropriate follow-up on the recommendations on the establishment of the Inter-American Alert, Watch, and Warning Network, which are contained in the document CICTE/REGVAC/doc.2/04 and which form part of the Strategy,” that it stipulated that the above-mentioned meeting of government cybersecurity practitioners be held within the resources allocated in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources, and that it requested the General Secretariat and the CICTE Secretariat to provide the necessary administrative and technical support for that meeting,

RESOLVES:

1. To convene the Second Meeting of Government Cybersecurity Practitioners to provide appropriate follow-up on the recommendations on the establishment of the Inter-American Alert, Watch, and Warning Network, which are contained in the document CICTE/REGVAC/doc.2/04 and which form part of the Comprehensive Inter-American Strategy to Combat Threats to Cybersecurity: Multidimensional and Multidisciplinary Approach to Creating a Culture of Cybersecurity.

2. To thank the Government of Brazil for its generous offer to host this Second Meeting of Government Cybersecurity Practitioners and to establish that it will be held in the second semester of 2005, in São Paulo, Brazil, on a date to be set in due course by the Chair of Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) in consultation with the host country.

3. To request this Second Meeting of Government Cybersecurity Practitioners to report on the outcomes of the meeting to the sixth regular session of CICTE.

4. To thank the Government of Canada for having hosted the Cybersecurity Practitioners Workshop, held in Ottawa, Canada, in March 2004.