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Honorable Juan Miguel Alcántara, Vice-Chair of CICTE and Deputy Attorney General and Director of International Affairs of Mexico;

His Excellency Ambassador Neven Jurica, Chairman of the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the United Nations Security Council and Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations;

His Excellency Ambassador Osmar Chohfi, Chair of the Permanent Council of the OAS and Permanent Representative of Brazil to the OAS;

His Excellency Ambassador Albert Ramdin, Assistant Secretary General of the Organization of American States;

His Excellency Ambassador Gustavo Albin, Chair of the OAS Committee on Hemispheric Security and Permanent Representative of Mexico to the OAS;

His Excellency Ambassador Alexandre Addor-Neto, OAS Secretary for Multidimensional Security; and

Dr. Carol Fuller, Secretary of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism;

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Since its creation, the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism has served as a model of effective, joint, and timely international cooperation in the fight against an age-old phenomenon that has taken on new proportions and transcends national borders to become a major new threat to international peace and security.

Fulfilling its mandate is vital to the Committee's effectiveness, and that is where we will be concentrating our efforts this year.

This endeavor is reflected on two levels: in the member states' commitment and action expressed through direct cooperation; and in numerous national capacity-building activities coordinated and organized by the CICTE Secretariat.

Besides the coordination and bilateral cooperation on hemispheric security that has been a part of every nation's agenda and has been considered at high-level bilateral meetings as well as at specialized regional and international meetings in which our governments are actively engaged throughout the year, notably, the one held last September at the UN to review the Global Strategy against Terrorism, I must also touch briefly on the specific work of the Committee and its coordination with other international, regional, and subregional organizations to create synergies to promote international cooperation.

I will briefly summarize the major activities and achievements, with highlights of the most relevant practical activities that basically entailed subregional workshops to train experts and to adopt security best practices through nine programs in five areas: border controls,

protection of critical infrastructure, legislative assistance against terrorism and terrorism financing, crisis management for emerging terrorist threats, and international cooperation.

Border control is the central focus of this meeting and since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks (the Government of Peru had the honor of chairing the working group on the border control issue), we have made significant strides towards fulfilling the commitments that we undertook at the Second Regular Meeting of CICTE in January 2002.

This year, under its Aviation Security Program CICTE trained more than 300 officers in international standards of the International Civil Aviation Organization, and under its Maritime and Port Security Program more than 1,000 officers received training on the International Maritime Organization's International Ship and Port Facility Security Code. CICTE also sponsored and organized three crisis management exercises as well as subregional training workshops for experts in port security and the ISPS code, workshops on immigration and customs, and travel document security best practices code to prevent fraud, geared towards 144 officers.

CICTE is now organizing subregional workshops for presentation and potential application of the APEC Manual of Maritime Security Drills and Exercises for Port Facilities, which will help standardize procedures in 50 countries of the Americas and Asia. This is tangible and significant progress.

In the area of legislative assistance to combat terrorism financing, more than 600 public prosecutors, judges, legislators, and police personnel were trained. In May, under a joint initiative with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, CICTE organized a ministerial conference on "International Cooperation against Terrorism and Transnational Crime;" two legislative technical assistance missions; a specialized legislative training course for public prosecutors, judges and police officers; and two specialized workshops on money laundering and terrorism financing.

With respect to critical infrastructure protection, the Cyber Security Program provided training for 165 individuals, while the Tourism Security Program is in the process of developing an academic curriculum on tourism security. And, finally, at the level of APEC, in collaboration with Peru as host country for the Summit, CICTE discussed port security and cyber security issues.

This is a very brief overview of highlights of the major activities of CICTE, and will help you appreciate the importance of the work that has been done. By way of a general acknowledgement so as not to omit anyone by name, let me thank all of the Hemisphere's governments that helped organize the training and crisis management workshops. I want to say a special thank you to the international organizations, the partner institutions, the experts who have shared their experiences with us, and all the members of the Executive Secretariat who have supported the national efforts.

It was an honor to have chaired CICTE in 2008, as Peru's representative, and I now conclude my functions by wishing Mexico every success in its work, and convey the renewed assurances of Peru's commitment to continue its unwavering support in the fight against terrorism on the basis of utmost respect for basic rights and fundamental freedoms.

Thank you.