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## Crisis Management Exercise on Maritime and Port Security in Brazil

On October 27-29, 2010 the CICTE Secretariat conducted a Crisis Management Exercise (CME) on Maritime and Port Security—the eighth of its kind—in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

This national exercise was conducted under CICTE's Port Security Assistance Partnership (PSAP) program, in conjunction with the Cabinet of Institutional Security of the Presidency of the Republic of Brazil.

PSAP partners Transport Canada and the U.S. Coast Guard provided technical expertise on the design, development, and implementation of the tabletop exercise. In addition, experts from Argentina, Chile, Peru and Uruguay participated as observers.

The CME was implemented as a tabletop exercise, preceded by a one-day training on procedures of the International Ship and Port Facilities Security Code (ISPS) of the International Maritime Organization and the preparation of the tabletop. Additionally, CONPORTOS, Brazil's Port Authority, organized a successful two-day workshop on International Maritime Security on October 25 and 26, to which the CICTE Secretariat was invited to give a presentation.

The main objective of the CME was to improve the coordination and cooperation between the various Brazilian players who would be involved in a crisis situation and who share port security responsibilities at the strategic-political and tactical-operative decision levels.

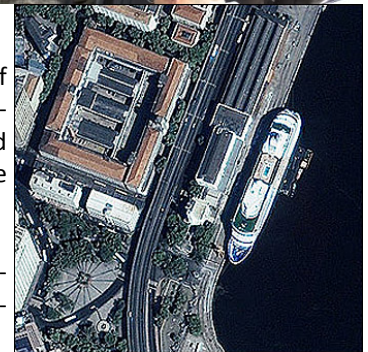
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## Training Course on Fraudulent Document Detection and Fraud Prevention

The CICTE Secretariat, in collaboration with the Government of Chile, held a training course on the detection of fraudulent travel documents and imposters on October 25-29, as part of the CICTE Program on Document Security and Fraud Prevention. Experts from the Forensic Documents Laboratory (FDL) of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) provided the technical instruction. The primary objective of the workshop was to enhance the capacity of participating officials and their respective countries to prevent and detect the use of altered or fraudulent travel and other identity documents.

Hosted in Santiago de Chile, the course was attended by 36 participants: 9 from Argentina and 27 from Chile. Participants were drawn from migration, law enforcement, customs and related authorities responsible for border controls and the examination of travel and other identity documents.

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## **Counter-Terrorism Activities**

### **Crisis Management Course on Aviation Security – Asuncion, Paraguay, October 11-15**

The CICTE Secretariat, through its Aviation Security program, in conjunction with Paraguay's National Directorate of Civil Aviation (DINAC) organized a "Crisis Management Course" in Asuncion, Paraguay from October 11 to 15. Minister Ricardo Scavone, National Point of Contact of Paraguay to CICTE, was present at the inaugural ceremony. The course, delivered by the United States Transport Security Administration (TSA) instructors, brought together 20 mid to senior level aviation-management and other government officials with the objective of providing them with the knowledge and skills needed to develop and implement sound crisis management procedures. The training was highly interactive. Case studies, interactive discussions and comprehensive simulation exercises were used to illustrate effective crisis management concepts and principles.



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### **CICTE Scholarships for ICAO Workshop: National Inspectors Course in Argentina, October 18-26, 2010**

The CICTE Secretariat, through its Aviation Security program, issued 6 scholarships to aviation security officials from Bolivia, Chile, Colombia and Paraguay for their participation in the ICAO Aviation Security National Inspectors Course in Argentina from October 18 to the 26th 2010. This course was developed to provide aviation security personnel with the knowledge and skills to enable them to plan, coordinate, and conduct quality control measures within their State's airports -utilizing Annex 17 of the Chicago Convention on International Civil Aviation (1944) and ICAO methodology in accordance with approved programmes.

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### **Capacity Building Program on Border Controls – Trinidad & Tobago, October 11-15**

As part of the second phase of a program designed to strengthen the capacity of customs and immigration personnel responsible for detecting and preventing criminal activity utilizing the airports and land border points of entry, CICTE, CICAD and DPS joined efforts to conduct a workshop in Trinidad & Tobago. The event was inaugurated by National Security Minister Brigadier John Sandy and was attended by approximately 40 law enforcement, customs and immigration personnel from Trinidad and Tobago. Participants benefited from the presentations of local and international experts who discussed techniques for detecting possible cases of human trafficking (and its differences with smuggling offences), tactics for screening persons and luggage at arrival and departure terminals and mechanisms for inspecting travel documents and identifying altered or counterfeit passports. While international experts, including a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) "Jetway" program, a former British police officer and consultants from human trafficking NGOs in the US, concentrated on showing the different screening and detection techniques, local officials from Trinidad and Tobago explained the current legal framework in the country and identified elements which need to be included in future legislation. The human trafficking session served as an awareness-raising tool among officials. The attendants were able to evaluate the content and implementation of the workshop, providing useful contributions for future border control workshops.



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## Advanced Incident Handling Cyber Security Training Course



This month, the Cyber Security Program coordinated and hosted a five-day Advanced Incident Handling Course, which was held at OAS Headquarters in Washington, DC, from October 4-8, 2010. Stated objectives of the course were to provide technical training in incident detection and management, gain a practical understanding of the various methods used in the analysis of artifacts left in a compromised system and to explore new developments in the computer forensics field, among other relevant topics. Experts Mark Zajicek and Peter Sullivan, both from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, guided participants through course material and facilitated the successful realization of the course goals and objectives.

Approximately 30 participants convened from countries across the hemisphere, including: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Belize, Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago.

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## Guyana National Conference on Cyber Security

On October 20 and 21, the Cyber Security Program of CICTE helped facilitate and coordinate a National Conference on Cyber Security in Georgetown, Guyana. This conference was designed to assist the Government of Guyana in defining Cyber Security and Critical Infrastructure Protection, creating and implementing a National Cyber Security Capacity, addressing cyber threats and vulnerabilities, sharing information among national stakeholders, and assessing cyber security implications for the government of Guyana.

Over ninety participants convened from various government agencies, the University of Guyana, commercial banks, insurance companies, and other organizations, and CICTE worked with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Guyana Telephone and Telegraph Company, the Office of the President, the University of Guyana and the National Frequency Management Unit to facilitate the conference.



Through deliberation and discussion, a document containing twenty recommendations was prepared and approved by participating delegates, to be submitted to the Government of Guyana for further consideration and action. In addition, the participants agreed that the public and private sectors must work together to promote a comprehensive national cyber security platform.

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## Workshop on the Use of the Internet for Terrorist Purposes” in Cartagena

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), in conjunction with the Ministry of the Interior and Justice of the Government of Colombia, and the support of the CICTE Secretariat, organized a workshop on “The Use of the Internet for Terrorist Purposes” in Cartagena, Colombia from October 10 to 13. Officials from nine OAS Member States attended the workshop, including authorities responsible for the investigation and prosecution of cyber crimes and acts of terrorism.

The discussion focused largely on the development of adequate legislative frameworks to deter and respond to terrorist groups’ efforts to use the internet as a tool to carry out their activities. A range of subject matter experts and government officials discussed current threats and efforts to counter these. The CICTE Secretariat highlighted the work that it has done in this area, and presented the OAS Secure Hemispheric Network of CSIRTs and Government Cyber Security Authorities as a tool for promoting the kind of regional cooperation and information-sharing that is essential to securing cyber space from terrorist and other criminal actors.

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## OSCE-ATU ACTIVITIES

### OSCE supports regional exchange of experiences in risk management within customs

The Action against Terrorism Unit (ATU) co-sponsored a regional risk management workshop of the World Customs Organization (WCO) on 5-8 October 2010 in Sevan, Armenia. The workshop was hosted by the State Revenue Committee of the Republic of Armenia, under the Japanese Customs Co-operation Fund, and brought together customs officers from 15 WCO European Members/OSCE participating States.



Risk management is one of the four core elements of the WCO SAFE Framework to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade, which OSCE participating States decided in 2005 to implement as soon as possible (MC.DEC/6/05). Risk management is also one of the ten building blocks for customs modernization identified in WCO’s 2008 “Customs in the 21st Century” document.

The workshop in Sevan followed the structure of the proposed Risk Management Compendium currently being drafted for adoption by the WCO in June 2011. The purpose of the Compendium is to provide a harmonized framework for implementing risk management, with a first part devoted to multi-layered risk management architecture, and a second part focused on intelligence-driven risk assessment, profiling and targeting practices.

The presentations and lively discussions during the workshop demonstrated that risk-management is now widely implemented by customs administrations, albeit through varying solutions and with varying degree of development. The event highlighted several challenges faced by customs, including: introducing a risk management “culture” from top-level managers to front-line officers; procuring adapted IT support systems; balancing reliance on IT and the skills of individual customs officers; facilitating inter-agency and cross-border exchange of information and intelligence.

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## COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS

### Council of Europe instruments:

1. On 15 October 2010, Slovenia signed the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons (CETS No. 167). As for today, this Convention has been ratified by 35 States and signed by 4 other States.

2. On 12 October 2010, Serbia signed the European Convention on the Compensation of Victims of Violent Crimes (CETS No. 116). As for today, this Convention has been ratified by 25 States and signed by 8 other States.

### Council of Europe events:

1. On 28 – 30 September 2010, the restricted Group of experts on international co-operation (PC-OC Mod), enlarged to all PC-OC members, held its 10<sup>th</sup> enlarged meeting in Strasbourg. The group examined the draft Fourth Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition as well as its draft Explanatory Report.



For further information refer to: [www.coe.int/tcj](http://www.coe.int/tcj)

2. The Committee of experts on the evaluation of anti-money laundering measures and the financing of terrorism (MONEYVAL) held its 33<sup>rd</sup> Plenary Meeting on 27 September - 1 October 2010. During this meeting, the Committee adopted the report on typologies elaborated in the framework of the typologies project on Money laundering through private pensions funds and the insurance sector. Furthermore, it endorsed the key Principles for Mutual Evaluations and Assessments prepared by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) in collaboration with FATF style regional bodies, the IMF and World Bank. For further information please refer to: <http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/monitoring/moneyval/>

3. On 5 October 2010, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe adopted Recommendation 1933 (2010) "Fight against extremism: achievements, deficiencies and failures". For full text of the Recommendation, please refer to: <http://assembly.coe.int/>

4. On 11 – 14 October 2010, the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ) held its 85<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting in Strasbourg. The Committee focused, *inter alia*, on the examination and approval of two new draft legal instruments on: the independence, efficiency and responsibilities of judges and profiling and data protection. For further information please refer to: [http://www.coe.int/T/E/Legal\\_Affairs/Legal\\_co-operation/Steering\\_Committees/cdcj/](http://www.coe.int/T/E/Legal_Affairs/Legal_co-operation/Steering_Committees/cdcj/)

### Forthcoming events:

- The Committee of Experts on the Operation of European Conventions on Co-Operation in Criminal Matters (PC-OC) will hold a seminar on effective tools for mutual legal assistance and its 59<sup>th</sup> meeting in Strasbourg respectively on 2 and 3 – 5 November 2010.

- The Lisbon Forum, a platform for dialogue and for sharing experiences, expertise and good practices between Europe and the other continents, will discuss the theme of "Freedom of expression, conscience and religion" on 4-5 November at Lisbon, Portugal.

- The Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Terrorism (CODEXTER) will hold its 19<sup>th</sup> meeting on 15-16 December in Istanbul, Turkey. This meeting will be followed on 16 (afternoon) – 17 December by the Conference on "Prevention of Terrorism: Prevention Tools, Legal Instruments and their Implementation", organised in the framework of the forthcoming Turkish Chairmanship of the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers.

**October Revisions to the Consolidated List of the United Nations Security Council Al-Qaida and Taliban Sanctions Committee**

An updated October 2010 version of the Consolidated List is accessible in XML, PDF and HTML formats on the Committee's website at the following URL: <http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/consolist.shtml>



**Frequently Asked Questions on UNSC Resolution 1540**

Resolution 1540 (2004) is a decision of the Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter affirming that the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, as well as their means of delivery, constitutes a threat to international peace and security. A list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) can be found on the 1540 Committee's website at the following URL: <http://www.un.org/sc/1540/faq.shtml>

**RECOMMENDED READING**

**“Alerts, Alarms and Threats: What to Tell European Citizens about International Terrorism” by Fernando Reinares**

A public awareness about what al-Qaeda and their affiliate groups or organizations mean to still do in Western Europe should neither cause alarm nor minimize the problem.

**Recent Events**

Month	Days	Event	Venue
October	4-5, 2010	Post-evaluation "161 Fahrenheit" Exercise on Bioterrorism	Mexico City, Mexico
	4 - 8, 2010	Advanced Incident Handling Cyber Security Training Course	Washington DC, USA
	10 - 13, 2010	Workshop on the use of Internet for Terrorist Purposes. Organized by UNODC with the participation of the General Secretariat of the OAS	Cartagena, Colombia
	11-15, 2010	Aviation Security Crisis Management National Training	Asuncion, Paraguay
	18-26, 2010	Scholarships for ICAO National Inspectors Course	Buenos Aires, Argentina
	27-29, 2010	Workshop on counter-terrorism financing (CICTE - CICAD - UNODC)	Lima, Peru
	27-29, 2010	Crisis Management Exercise on Port Security	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
	25-29, 2010	Course on Detection of Fraudulent Documents and Fraud Prevention	Santiago de Chile, Chile
	20-21, 2010	Cyber Security Technical Assistance Mission	Georgetown, Guyana

**Upcoming Events**

Month	Days	Event	Venue
November	1-5, 2010	Sixth Symposium and Exhibition on ICAO Machine Readable Travel Documents (MRTDs), Biometrics and Security Standards and the OAS/CICTE Travel Document Security Hemispheric Workshop	Montreal, Canada
	2-3, 2010	Cyber Security Technical Visit for Colombia	Washington DC, USA
	2-4, 2010	Aviation Security Sub-regional Instructor Skills Workshop	Guyana
	8-10, 2010	Legislative Assistance Mission	Quito, Ecuador
	8-12, 2010	Scholarships for ICAO Quality Control Course	Maryland, USA
	8-12, 2010	Aviation Security Crisis Management National Training	Bogota, Colombia
	11-12, 2010	Preparatory meetings and workshop on Tourism Security	Panama City, Panama
	15 - 17, 2010	Best Practices Cyber Security Workshop	Montevideo, Uruguay
	15-19, 2010	Sub-regional Workshop for Caribbean countries on Customs Risk Assessment (CICTE - CICAD - UN CTED)	St. Lucia
	15-19, 2010	Sub-regional Workshop for Caribbean countries on Maritime and Nuclear Terrorism (CICTE and UNODC)	Barbados
	16-18, 2010	Aviation Security Sub-regional Instructor Skills Workshop	St. Lucia
	18-19, 2010	Preparatory meetings and workshop on Tourism Security	Guatemala City, Guatemala
	23-27, 2010	Specialized Training Course on Tourism Security	Panama City, Panama
December	6-10, 2010	National Preventive Security Measures Course	Peru
	6-10, 2010	Sub-regional Preventive Security Measures Workshop	Costa Rica
	7-11, 2010	Specialized Training Course on Tourism Security	Antigua, Guatemala
	13-17, 2010	Aviation Security Sub-regional in Cargo Security	El Salvador

\*NOTE: Only events that have been formally accepted by host countries appear on this list.

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## NEWS

### **Government of Canada launches Canada's Cyber Security Strategy**

On October 3, the Honourable Vic Toews, Canada's Minister of Public Safety and the Honourable Christian Paradis, Minister of Natural Resources, launched a strategy that will enhance protection from cyber threats for Canadian governments, industries and families from coast to coast to coast. Canada's Cyber Security Strategy delivers on the Government's 2010 Speech from the Throne commitment to boost Canada's cyberspace against the growing threat of cyber crimes. The Strategy will invest in securing Government of Canada systems, as well as partnering with other governments and with industry to ensure systems vital to Canadian security, economic prosperity and quality of life are protected. It also includes boosting education and awareness to better help Canadians keep their personal information safe and secure when online at home and at work. For more information [click here](#), [click here](#) and [click here](#).



### **Military Leaders from Brazil, Colombia and Peru Define Border Cooperation**

In Leticia, the departmental capital of Amazonas, military commanders from Brazil, Colombia and Peru defined issues of border cooperation. The leaders analyzed various pertinent issues, including efforts to combat narcotrafficking and terrorism, as well as methods for improving military intelligence communication channels. The high command for these three countries also analyzed the exchange of information regarding illegal trafficking flights of drug and weapons in order to achieve their interception.

For more information [click here](#).

### **20 tourists kidnapped in the Mexican city of Acapulco**

Tourists were kidnapped by an armed group in Southern Mexico, and police and military authorities are searching for them. Fernando Monreal, Chief of the Investigative Police of the state of Guerrero, said that the night of September 30<sup>th</sup>, at least 20 people were kidnapped by armed men when they were arriving to the port of Acapulco. There is no further information on the whereabouts, the motives or the authors of the crime. For more information [click here](#) and [click here](#).

### **Khadr pleads guilty in exchange for repatriation to Canada**

Omar Khadr, reversing years of denial, has admitted he is a murderer, a terrorist and a war criminal, in a deal that may allow the Canadian son of an prominent al-Qaeda figure to come home next year. The Harper government, despite its strident denials and years of refusing to intervene, endorsed the deal and made an exchange of diplomatic notes with Washington that should pave the way for Mr. Khadr to serve the remainder of his sentence in Canada, beginning next fall.

For more information [click here](#).

### **A narcotrafficking money laundering network related to the FARC falls in Spain**



In Spain, the national police detained in several provinces 41 people involved in a money laundering plot during a major international operation, according to October 1 reports. Police sources link some of the detainees with the FARC. It is believed that they had laundered 200 million Euro that were sent to Ecuador and Colombia via wire transfers.

For more information [click here](#).



### Spanish Police will interrogate former FARC members

Agents of the Spanish police will travel to Colombia to interrogate nine former FARC members, now under the reintegration program sponsored by the Colombian government, with the objective of identifying 11 ETA terrorists, with the help of recent photographs. The order was given on October 5 by Judge Eloy Velasco, of the National Court of Spain, as part of an investigation currently underway over accusations that some ETA members could have received training in Venezuelan soil. The former guerrilla members would have participated in some joint sessions.

For more information [click here](#).

### US charges hackers over bank fraud scheme

US prosecutors on Thursday charged 70 people allegedly involved in a global cybercrime scheme that used malicious software to steal more than \$3m from dozens of bank accounts. The attacks worked by embedding hidden software in an apparently benign email that, once opened, installed the software and recorded the keystrokes on a victim’s computer as they logged into their bank accounts. The hackers took over the accounts and transferred thousands of dollars to hundreds of false-name accounts. The money was allegedly sent or carried in cash overseas in a “money mule” operation, typically using foreign students recruited via online job sites.



For more information [click here](#), [click here](#) and [click here](#).

### ‘Inspire,’ the Al Qaeda magazine in English, is now circulating on the Internet

Four months ago, Al Qaeda of the Arabic Peninsula (AQPA), the Yemen branch of the movement directed by Osama bin Laden, published the first edition of the magazine, ‘Inspire.’ This internet publication is written entirely in English, and includes instructions for making a bomb. During the week of October 13, the second installment of ‘Inspire’ began circulating on the internet, complete with an exhortation to attack the multitudes in western countries. “This is something new, and is the first time Al Qaeda has launched a publication in English,” said Dominique Thomas, an expert from Paris on Islamic groups.

For more information [click here](#).

### U.N. urges better cooperation on drug trafficking as it fuels global terrorism

Drug traffickers are making hundreds of millions of dollars every single day and countries must step up cooperation to stop an illegal trade which fuels global terrorism, the United Nations crime chief said on Monday, October 18. "Cocaine and heroin traffickers are earning almost \$280 million every day," said Yuri Fedotov, a Russian diplomat who took over as executive director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). Fedotov urged better use of the U.N. Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, a pact adopted in Palermo 10 years ago which he said was a major landmark in international law providing a basis for extraditions, intelligence-sharing and joint investigations. “The convention is a powerful tool, but it remains underutilized.”



For more information [click here](#).

### Colombian Police creates center for nuclear security

The Colombian police have created a center for Nuclear Security, whose objectives will be to monitor the possible trafficking and use of radioactive material by the FARC, warned Rafael Parra, the director in charge of the institution. "The stated intention of the FARC was to acquire uranium in Europe, and we know that the intentions for acquiring such materials are to cause even more lethal damage to the same community in which they have been committing acts of terrorism for many years," said general Parra. For this reason, the Colombian authorities have created the National Nuclear Security Center, which opened on October 19, and will support the International Atomic Energy Agency in order to improve prevention, detection and response to incidents involving nuclear and radioactive material.



For more information [click here](#) and [click here](#).

### Tunnels, Waterways Exploit Border Security Holes

October 19 - As violence along the United States-Mexico border continues to escalate, the U.S. government is beefing up border security. In fiscal years 2009 and 2010, criminal arrests along the border -- three-quarters of which were for drug or human smuggling -- were up 12 percent compared to the two previous years. Meanwhile, apprehensions for illegal border crossings are falling, suggesting fewer people are attempting to enter the U.S. illegally. Since 2001, 111 tunnels have been discovered along the southern border, with tunneling activity increasing 65 percent in the past two years.



For more information [click here](#).

### France arrests 12 in anti-terror raids

On October 5, police in France have arrested 12 people and seized guns and ammunition in anti-terrorism raids in the south of the country. The raids come as security sources in some Western countries warn of a plot to attack public targets in Europe.

For more information [click here](#).

### Arab Countries Study Protocol for Combating Maritime Piracy

Representatives of various Arab countries gathered in Cairo on October 20 to study a draft protocol for combating piracy in regional and international waters. Among the points of the draft protocol is the development of a mechanism to clarify the area of jurisdiction of each country in case of pirate aggression.

For more information [click here](#).



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