Counter-Terrorism Activities

Aviation Security Program

November 2-4th Aviation Security Instructor Skills Subregional in Guyana

CICTE in conjunction with the Cheddi Jagan International Airport Corporation of Guyana sponsored and hosted a Sub-regional Aviation Security Instructor Skills Workshop from November 2 - 4, 2010 in Georgetown, Guyana.

The main objective of this workshop, which took place in the Conference Room of the Cheddi Jagan International Airport, was to provide 11 aviation security instructors from Guyana, Suriname, Belize, Haiti and Jamaica with the most up-to-date model of instructional design – the 4MAT – in order to improve their instruction skills and enhance Member States’ capacities to deliver Aviation Security courses in their home countries.

The training was administered by instructors from the United States Transport Security Administration (TSA).

For more information on this and other activities sponsored by the CICTE Secretariat in Aviation Security, please contact Ms. Shevaun Culmer, Program Manager, at sculmer@oas.org.

Scholarships to Attend ICAO National Quality Control Program

Potomac, Maryland, November 8-12, 2010

Nine aviation security management officials from Haiti, Grenada, St. Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, St. Kitts and Nevis, Belize, Jamaica, and Suriname received scholarships to attend the ICAO National Quality Control Program Workshop in Potomac, Maryland, USA with the objective of assisting the Member States in remedying Annex 17 deficiencies and with developing effective aviation security quality control measures in order to implement ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices, security elements of other Annexes, and any additional security measures required by the State. The workshop assisted the participants in drafting and updating their National Quality Control Programs and provided guidance on the appropriate oversight and internal quality assurance procedures.

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GAFISUD AND THE CHALLENGE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

GAFISUD is an intergovernmental organization at the regional level that groups twelve Latin American countries together to combat the laundering of liquid assets and terrorism financing. As such, together with other regional groups in the Caribbean, Asia-Pacific, Central and Eastern Europe, and Africa, GAFISUD is part of a network working on international crime prevention initiatives and the creation of secure framework systems from the regional perspective.

The group’s work is based on the collective adoption of current international standards, especially the 40 plus 9 Recommendations of the GAFI, which are the same standards used by the United Nations and the Organization of American States to prevent, combat, and eliminate terrorism.

The global objective of the Group is to combat crime and avoid the threats and social, political, and economic costs that it generates, with special attention given to the strengthening of the institutional capacity of the member countries. FWhile attaining this contributive goal, they simultaneously work on protecting the economy and financial systems. These being the basis for progress and growth, it is paramount that they grow in a secure and stable way.

Additionally, one of the essential elements of GAFISUD’s work consists of the implementation of a program of mutual evaluation of the Member States. In the present year the third round of evaluations will be completed.

Since the adoption of the IX Special Recommendations by GAFISUD in 2001, a significant advance has been noted in national legislation of the Member States with respect to the standardization of the criminalization of terrorism financing.

At present, the following countries have categorized the crime of terrorism financing: Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay.

We should nevertheless recognize the difficulty of effective compliance with the United Nations Security Council Resolutions in matters dealing with the freezing of assets tied to terrorism. It is difficult for countries with the judicial tradition of continental Europe to find a formula that permits the freezing of assets tied to terrorism financing without violating the International Judicial Order of the States, with respect to the Constitution and the guarantees of due process.

For this reason we understand that GAFISUD should redouble its efforts to support its members in the implementation of these measures, for which technical assistance from international bodies specialized in the matter will be essential.

In this sense, the participation of GAFISUD in the creation and implementation in 2010 of the MECOOR initiative in conjunction with the United Nations, through UNDOC, CTED, and the Organization of American States through CICAD and CICTE, deserves special recognition.

This initiative aims to coordinate strategies and carry out activities based on the prevention and control of terrorism and financing among the mentioned organisms. This includes participation in the mechanisms of evaluation that every member must complete according to their specialty, in addition to the collaborative planning and execution of training programs and technical assistance.

The challenges that are presented to the region in the fight against terrorism and its financing are: assuring that all of the countries in GAFISUD standardize the criminalization of terrorism financing, and abiding by the Regulations of the United Nations Security Council in relation to the freezing of assets tied to terrorism and improving the existing norms against the financing of terrorism.

This is not an easy task but the existence of a clear political commitment of the States added to the establishment of a permanent mechanism of coordinated action of the International Institutions allows us to be optimistic regarding the possible goal to achieve.
National Aviation Security Crisis Management Course
Colombia, November 8-12, 2010 and Bolivia, January 17-20, 2011

The CICTE Secretariat, in conjunction with the General Direction of Civil Aeronautics of Colombia and Bolivia respectively, brought together 20 to 25 mid-to-senior level officials from various entities involved in aviation security to national trainings in Crisis Management from November 8-12, 2010 in Colombia and January 17-20th, 2011 in Bolivia.

Delivered by instructors from the TSA, the course was attended by representatives from the from various airport security agencies both private and public, civil aviation, the military, regional airports, the air force, customs, migration, and several relevant government ministries with the objective of learning to develop sound incident management plans and procedures in accordance with the principles established by ICAO. Additionally, participants worked on designing, developing, conducting and the evaluation of their own table top exercises.

In Colombia, the training was delivered at the Training Center in Bogota – Centro Empresarial de Compensar, while the Bolivian course was conducted at the Hotel Calacoto.

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Subregional Preventive Security Measures Course Dec.6-10 in Costa Rica and National Preventive Security Measures Course Dec. 6-10, 2010 in Peru

The CICTE Secretariat in conjunction with the Civil Aviation Directorate of Costa Rica sponsored and organized a Sub-regional Preventive Security Measures Course in Aviation Security from December 6th to the 10th in Cariari, Costa Rica. During these same dates, this Preventive Security Measures training was delivered to nationals of Peru through the collaboration of the Department of Civil Aeronautics in Peru.

Using risk management modules and based on Volume IV and Annex 17 of the ICAO Security Manual, this comprehensive and interactive course facilitated by the United States Transportation Security Administration (TSA) encouraged participants to evaluate civil aviation from a local perspective, with special attention on four specific topics: Passengers and Hand Baggage; Cargo, Mail, and Catering; Access Control and Aircraft Security; and Hold Baggage.

This subregional course was presented in Costa Rica to 22 representatives from Panamanian, Costa Rican, El Salvadoran, and Guatemalan customs, migration, civil aviation, and other airport security agencies. Also included in the course was a visit to the Juan Santamaria International Airport in Costa Rica.

This course was also presented to thirty participants from various locations within Peru, and from thirteen different agencies and organizations in the aviation sector both privately and publicly owned. Participants also had the opportunity to make observations in different sectors of the Jorge Chavez International Airport in Peru.

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Sub-regional Course on Cargo Security in El Salvador

CICTE in conjunction with the Vice Ministry of Justice and Public Security of El Salvador, sponsored and organized a Sub-regional Training in Cargo Security in airports from December 13-17, 2010 in the Holiday Inn in San Salvador. The sub-regional course was presented to 20 participants from various customs, migration, civil aviation, and other airport security and law enforcement agencies of El Salvador, Panama, Costa Rica, and Guatemala. The Minister of Justice and Public Security and the President of the Comisión Ejecutiva Portuaria Autónoma (CEPA) in El Salvador opened this course on Monday, December 13.

The objective of this course was to provide the national and international participants with in-depth knowledge of the concepts of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Security Manual, Annex 17 Standards and Recommended Practices (SARP), with regards to international cargo security systems, with an emphasis on cargo as a potential target for global terrorism. In addition, the course dealt with concepts and principles related to the efficient execution of national air cargo operations, in particular with an international airport. The course included a visit to the cargo facility of the international airport in El Salvador. For more information on this and other activities sponsored by the CICTE Secretariat in Aviation Security please contact Ms. Shevaun Culmer, Program Manager, at sculmer@oas.org.

January 10-14th Excellence in Screening Techniques Course, St. Kitts and Nevis

OAS through CICTE and the Ministry of Tourism and International Transport of the Government of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis joined forces to conduct a course entitled “Excellence in Screening Techniques” in the twin-island Federation. The course was held at the Robert Llewellyn Bradshaw RLB Airport from January 10-14, 2011.

Based on the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Security Manual Volume 1V and Annex 17, this interactive course helped aviation security screening officers to build upon their skills and knowledge of screening techniques for passengers and baggage. The course reviewed known techniques and offered updated procedures to better address the evolving threats to aviation security. The course allowed participants to explore their existing procedures and build their skills to focus on emerging threats, using physical searches and checkpoint technology. Instructors from the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) administered the course. For more information on this and other activities sponsored by the CICTE Secretariat in Aviation Security please contact Ms. Shevaun Culmer, Program Manager, at sculmer@oas.org.

Cyber Security Program

Cyber Security Technical Visit of Colombian Delegation to the USA

In coordination with the National Cyber Security Division (NCSD), the United States Secret Service (USSS) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Department of Justice (DoJ), the OAS/CICTE organized a technical visit for a six-member delegation from the government of Colombia. This activity took place in Washington, DC from November 2-3, 2010.

This visit brought about the opportunity for Colombian officials to learn firsthand from their counterparts in the United States Computer Emergency Response Team (USCERT) and in the U.S. Secret Service key aspects to enhance Colombia’s own national watch, warning, response, and investigative capabilities. The representative of the DoJ explained the process for legal procedures between the U.S. and Colombia, and talked about the importance of international agreements such as the Cyber Crime Convention of the Council of Europe. Additionally, visitors had the chance to have a dialogue with a representative of CERT-CC/Software Engineering Institute (SEI), who explained their work and partnership with the USG. For more information: Belisario Contreras, BContreras@oas.org
Sub-regional Cyber Security Best Practices Workshop for South America, Canada and the United States

Held from November 15-17, 2010 in Montevideo, Uruguay, this workshop brought together 51 officials from the governments of Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, the United States, Uruguay and Venezuela for a discussion of a range of key topics relating to cyber security. Participants included a mix of policy and technical officials working in cyber incident management and/or the development and implementation of cyber security policy. The workshop combined case study presentations on examples of cyber incident management by each participating national delegation, thematic presentations by the outside experts, and numerous breakout group discussion sessions in which participants engaged their counterparts in an interactive exchange of experiences, perspectives, knowledge and best practices. Throughout the workshop the discussion focused largely on identifying key capacity gaps and needs, as well as best practices for addressing these and more effectively promoting cyber security at the national level.

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Sub-regional Training Workshop for the Caribbean on Cyber Security and Cyber Crime

CICTE and the Working Group on Cyber Crime of the Meetings of Ministers of Justice or of Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas (REMJA, its Spanish acronym) and the US Department of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, organized “Sub-regional Training Workshop for the Caribbean on Cyber Security and Cyber Crime” in Antigua & Barbuda from December 13 to 16, 2010. This workshop employed a two-track approach to addressing the distinct but often over-lapping themes of cyber incident management and combating cyber crime. One track entailed a series of presentations and discussions on cyber security-related topics. The other track provided training on essential cyber crime themes. The event’s culmination was the engagement of all participants in a collective discussion of areas of inter-related importance, such as enhancing cooperation and information sharing at the national and regional levels, and the need for developing national cyber security and cyber crime strategies.

This workshop was attended by 80 people from the Caribbean and other international experts. The guest speakers were representatives of the government of Argentina and the U.S., and representatives of the private sector from Adobe, Microsoft and Symantec. Baldwin Spencer, Prime Minister of Antigua & Barbuda, attended the opening ceremony of this event and recognized the importance of this matter for his country and the region. During his speech Mr. Spencer stated that “cyber space can be our avenue to realizing economic prosperity, or it can lead to untold acts of terror”.

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Document Security Program

Sixth Symposium and Exhibition on ICAO MRTDs, Biometrics and Security Standards, and the OAS/CICTE – ICAO Roundtable Discussion on Travel and Identity Document Security in the Americas

Fifty three (53) representatives of the OAS’ Member States participated in a recent Symposium on the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) MRTDs (Machine Readable Travel Documents), Biometrics and Security Standards, and the OAS/CICTE – ICAO Roundtable Discussion on Travel and Identity Document Security in the Americas. Both activities took place at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Headquarters in Montreal, Canada, from November 1st to 5th, 2010. The Symposium was attended by over 450 participants from States, international organizations, companies and institutions. It was of particular interest to officials of passport and official ID document issuing agencies, immigration, customs, and other border control and security authorities. An exhibition complemented the Symposium and highlighted important products and services related to MRTDs, biometric identification and border inspection systems.

The CICTE Secretariat, in conjunction with ICAO, held a one day Roundtable Discussion on Travel and Identity Document Security in the Americas immediately following the symposium on November 5th. The objectives of the roundtable included: promoting the exchange of information and experiences on travel and identity document issuance and controls in the OAS Member States; identifying key challenges, capacity-gaps and training and assistance needs going forward; and determining how best to institutionalize the participation of officials from the OAS Member States in the ICBWG under ICAO’s MRTD Program.

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Training Course on Fraudulent Document Detection and Fraud Prevention

The Secretariat of CICTE, in collaboration with the Government of the Dominican Republic, held a training course on the detection of fraudulent travel documents and imposters on December 6-10, as part of the CICTE Program on Document Security and Fraud Prevention. Experts from the Forensic Documents Laboratory (FDL) of Immigration 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 the participating officials to prevent and detect the use of altered or fraudulent travel and other identity documents. Hosted in Santo Domingo, the course was attended by 37 participants. Participants were drawn from migration, law enforcement, customs, and other related authorities responsible for border control and the examination of travel and other identity documents.

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Inter-American Committee against Terrorism - CICTE

Immigration and Customs Control

Sub-regional Workshop for Caribbean Countries on Customs Risk Assessment

CICTE and the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), in conjunction with the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (UN-CTED), organized the Sub-regional Workshop for Caribbean Countries on Customs Risk Assessment, held December 15-17 in Belize City, Belize. The main objectives of the event were to raise awareness and build capacities in the Caribbean regarding the use of customs risk assessment tools & techniques, and to strengthen security and counter-terrorism measures in the region. Thirty-one government officials belonging to the Border Control, Customs, and Maritime Security agencies from the eleven participating Caribbean Member States attended the activity. Four international experts guided attendees through the training, and facilitated the successful accomplishment of the course goals. The workshop was made possible thanks to the support of the Government and the Customs & Excise Department of Belize. For more information: George Soares gsoares@oas.org

Legislative Assistance and Terrorism Financing

Technical Assistance Mission on Terrorism and the Financing of Terrorism

In conjunction with TPB/UNODC, OAS/CICAD and GAFISUD, OAS/CICTE participated in a series of meetings with senior members of the Ecuadorian government and officials from the justice sector. The agenda ended with a one day workshop, inaugurated by the Attorney General, to discuss the law on terrorism which the country has submitted before Congress and which is in the process of sanctioning by the president.

The law being enacted is viewed as a positive step forward by Ecuador in meeting its international obligations in terrorism and its financing, an issue which was discussed at the end of the mission with the Under Secretary of International Organizations at the Ecuadorian Foreign Ministry. For more information: nletts@oas.org


This event was organized by the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 and the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (including the UN Regional Center for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, UN-LiREC), with the financial support of the United States government. A total of 69 people participated in the event, with delegations from the governments of Peru, Argentina, Costa Rica and Brazil, as well as representatives from the United States Department of State, the UNSCR 1540 Committee, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Central American Integration System (SICA), the Organization of American States (represented by OAS/CICTE and a delegate from the Office of the Assistant Secretary General), the United Nations Regional Center for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UN-LiREC), CARICOM, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the University of Georgia (CITS).

The event focused on the implementation of UNSC Resolution 1540, with special emphasis on capacity building. The main aims were to raise awareness, examine mechanisms to overcome challenges to implementing the resolution and facilitate drafting of enhanced national reports and direct dialogue with the Committee.

The 1540 Committee successfully engaged the representatives of the governments present in a meaningful and open discussion on the progress and achievements of 1540 implementation, as well as the principal challenges that lay ahead, at a very senior level. Bilateral sessions between 1540 experts and the delegations were also conducted, allowing for more detailed and precise discussion of specific themes. CICTE was able to introduce itself to a broad audience, and offer its expertise and experience to a number of member states, while also continuing to strengthen its relationship with various UN agencies as well as other international organizations, NGOs and academic bodies. For more information: Nicolás Letts, nletts@oas.org
Participation in X GAFISUD Plenary Meeting. Date: 15-17 December, 2010, Buenos Aires

GAFISUD summoned its member states to its 10th plenary meeting, inaugurated by President Fernando Lugo from Paraguay, which will be the next President of the regional organ.

The CICTE Secretariat attended as an observer, with the main objective of continuing to strengthen its relationship with GAFISUD, the member states and other participating international observers. Our participation also allowed us to gain first hand knowledge of the main challenges and needs of GAFISUD member states in relation to terrorism and its financing. This in turn allows CICTE to identify weaknesses and approach the different governments to offer them our assistance.

The meeting was conducted as scheduled, with the interventions of the different countries and the general observations from the mutual evaluators responsible for each of the countries. The general observation made was that all countries have undertaken specific action to combat terrorism and its financing and are implementing measures to adopt the standards imposed by international conventions and the 40+9 FATF Recommendations.

In the specific case of Argentina, there are discrepancies between the interpretation of the Argentines of their laws against the financing of terrorism and the interpretation held by the mutual evaluators regarding those same laws. GAFISUD has thus concluded that there are specific problems in Argentina regarding the country’s compliance with the established international norms and standards.

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Maritime Security Program

Specialized Sub-regional Training on Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) and maritime legal instruments against terrorism. November 24-26, 2010. Barbados.

A Specialized Sub-regional Training on Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) and maritime legal instruments against terrorism, jointly organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (OAS/SMS/CICTE), was held under the auspices of the Government of Barbados on November 24-26, 2010 in Barbados.

The workshop was attended by delegates from: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Belize, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago. Attendants included senior level government and police force officials, among others, some of which responsible for policy and legislation issues on CBRN in their counties and others acting as scientific experts in this field.

The main objectives of the event were: to discuss the challenges of CBRN issues and their importance in the prevention of terrorism and regional security and raise awareness among Member States; to discuss the progress and problems which different countries face in dealing with CBRN issues and share experiences with their counterparts in other countries; and to raise awareness on the importance of ratifying the different international conventions on terrorism and other instruments, including the Inter American convention against terrorism and UNSCR 1540.

The Workshop was successful in facilitating a broad discussion on CBRN issues between the countries in the sub region and an opportunity share experiences and discuss challenges. All participants were also able to identify the relevant institutions which are involved in CBRN affairs, allowing them to better understand the network of organizations that join together to provide technical assistance and other cooperation mechanisms. Participants were able to learn the role and importance of regional and sub regional organizations and discuss specific needs and challenges with them.

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Tourism Security Program

Course specialized on Tourism Security of CICTE/SSM/OAS in Panama

The specialized course on Tourism Security by CICTE was inaugurated by: The Vice ministry of Tourism and Sub-administrator of the Tourism Authority of Panama, Fernando de Leon; the President of the Panamanian Hotel Association (APATEL), Mrs. Sara Pardo; the Sub-commissioner of the National Police, Willington Zambrano; and Tomas A. Guardia, The General Director of Organisms and International Conferences of the Ministry of Foreign Relations and National Point of Contact of the CICTE in Panama.

These training activities were financially supported by the Canadian Government though the Anti-Crime Capacity Building Program, which sponsors workshops and courses in different member states of the OAS.

The course was given to 60 security employees of the public and private sectors of Panama, including: the National Tourist Police, the National System of Civil Protection, the National Guard, the National Security Council, Immigration Services, Firefighters, and the heads and personnel of security of Hotels, airports, airlines, malls, and tourist transport operators of Panama.

Through the Alliance of the CICTE with the Central American Secretariat of Tourism Integration (SITCA/SICA), representatives of the tourist police and the ministries of tourism of Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Panama also participated.

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Course specialized on Tourism Security of the CICTE/MSS/OAS in Antigua, Guatemala.

The director of the Guatemalan Institute of Tourism, Dr. Jorge Zamayoa inaugurated the CICTE course specialized in Tourism Security. These training activities were supported financially by the government of Canada though the Anti-Crime Capacity Building Program (ACCBP), which sponsors workshops and courses in different member states of the OAS.

The course was given to 60 security officers of the public and private sectors of Guatemala, including members of the National Civil Police, and the police specialized in the tourism security, the Council of Hotel Security of Guatemala (COSEHOGUA), guides, and tourist transport operators.

Thanks to the alliance of the CICTE with the Central American Tourism Integration Secretariat (SITCA/SICA), representatives from tourist police agencies and tourist ministries from Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Panama also participated in the activities.

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OSCE-ATU Activities

OSCE assists Armenia in comprehensively enhancing cyber security

On 8-9 December 2010, the OSCE Action against Terrorism Unit (ATU) in co-operation with the OSCE Office in Yerevan organized a national expert workshop on combating terrorist use of the Internet and comprehensively enhancing cyber-security in Yerevan, Armenia.

Some 50 national participants took part in the workshop that raised awareness of concrete steps to deal with terrorist use of the Internet and strengthen cyber-security in a comprehensive manner. Sessions reviewed the impact - including the economic impact - of potential attacks and highlighted possible countermeasures, pertinent legal frameworks, lessons learned and relevant best practices.

The event offered an opportunity to take stock of the current Armenian cyber security framework and led to concrete recommendations on potential follow-up action areas to further enhance cyber security in a comprehensive manner, focusing on aspects of cooperation among state authorities, the private sector, civil society and international entities; the legal framework; as well as technical and societal preparedness related to cyber incidents.

The workshop was designed to support a longer term process in Armenia to comprehensively enhance cyber security including with the involvement of the OSCE.

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OSCE ATU promotes public-private partnerships in South-Eastern Europe to counter terrorist financing and radicalization

On 8-10 December 2010 in Sarajevo, the ATU organized a sub-regional workshop for South-Eastern Europe on public-private partnerships in countering terrorism, in line with MC.DEC/5/07.

The workshop brought together over 110 experts from the public and private sectors to discuss ways to improve public-private cooperation to block channels of terrorist financing and to counter violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism, while upholding human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The workshop illustrated the cross-dimensional, multi-disciplinary and multi-stakeholder approach to countering terrorism promoted by the OSCE, providing a platform for state authorities, businesses, civil society and the media to network, exchange information, experiences and best practices.

The event, hosted in the Parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina in co-operation with the Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina, was attended by participants from 15 OSCE participating States, six international structures and 32 private sector organizations.

The workshop was organized with the support of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, thanks to an extra budgetary contribution from the United States of America and in partnership with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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OSCE/UN seminar in Uzbekistan focuses on countering incitement and violent extremism

On 9-10 December, counter-terrorism experts from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan addressed the threat of incitement and violent extremism that lead to terrorism at a regional seminar held in Tashkent.

The two-day event, organized jointly by the UN Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate and the OSCE Action against Terrorism Unit, with support from the Government of Uzbekistan and the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan, brought together international, regional and national authorities to discuss effective strategies and exchange best practices with the goal of reducing violent extremism and the threat of terrorist incitement in Central Asia.

In four sessions, participants reviewed and exchanged national experiences and regional models for countering radicalization, reflected upon international standards and good practices and recommended operational response models.

Also on the agenda were discussions regarding the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1624 - which provides guidance in dealing with incitement and violent extremism and calls on states to prohibit and prevent incitement to commit acts of terrorism - and other international documents forming a legal framework for countering incitement and violent extremism.

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OSCE training introduces officers to Interpol databases in Kyrgyzstan

On 20-25 December 2010, the OSCE Centre in Bishkek together with the Interpol National Central Bureau of the Kyrgyz Republic organized a training course on the INTERPOL Lost and Stolen Documents Databases for ten Kyrgyz border officials.

Under the instruction of two trainers of the Interpol National Central Bureau, the Kyrgyz border officers drawn from remote border checkpoints in southern Kyrgyzstan learnt about theory and practice of using the Interpol databases, particularly with regard to stolen and lost travel documents.

The course complemented a larger project of the OSCE Action against Terrorism Unit, the OSCE Centre in Bishkek and Interpol to enhance travel document security in Kyrgyzstan by establishing real-time connection of ten border checkpoints in the southern region of Kyrgyzstan to the Interpol Stolen and Lost Travel Document Database.

The training took place at the training facility of the Interpol National Central Bureau which was recently created and fully equipped with the support of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek.

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Council of Europe News

Council of Europe Conventions:
On 31 January 2011 Germany signed the Third Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition (CETS No. 209).

Council of Europe events:
The MOLi-Serbia start-up activities took place in Belgrade during 17-20 January 2011. The project mission team conducted bilateral meetings with the representatives of the European Union Delegation to Serbia and the main counterpart organisations, the Administration for the Prevention of Money Laundering (APML) and the Ministry of Finance. Subsequent meetings took place with the representatives of the beneficiaries. The aim of the meetings is to preliminary assess the money laundering/terrorist financing issues in Serbia and the preparation of the project workplan.

In January 2011, the European Court of Human Rights delivered a number of relevant judgments, including those on the issues of the length of the criminal proceedings and the absence of a lawyer during a police custody (Çahit Aydin v. Turkey) and the right to a fair trial and non disclosure of material evidence to the defence on public interest grounds (McKeown v. United Kingdom (no. 6684/05)

Forthcoming events:

- 35th Plenary Meeting of the MONEYVAL is scheduled for 10-15 April 2011 in Strasbourg
- 2011 Special meeting of the UN SC CTC with international, regional and subregional organisations, to be hosted by the Council of Europe, is scheduled for 19-21 April 2011 in Strasbourg
- The 2011 conference on cooperation against cybercrime is scheduled for 29 June to 1 July 2011 in Strasbourg. Themes to include: 10th anniversary of the Budapest Convention: SWOT now?; CyberCrime strategies; Cybercrime capacity building and Monitoring progress against cybercrime

Recommended Readings

How to respond to the “Ideological Jihad”? 
Religiously inspired terrorism still represents a serious threat, as revealed by the numerous antiterrorist operations that have stopped the planning of terrorist attacks in different moments. But also, given this threat, it is necessary to prevent a political and religious radicalization which might constitute the prelude of these terrorist attacks and other extreme manifestations conducive to the development of terrorism. For more information click here.

Cyber terrorism - does technology mean terror?
Damian Saunders, director of the data centre and cloud group at Citrix, argues that the UK Government, through its new Security Defence Review (SDR), is right to give cyber terrorism a high level of attention, but with the right approach to online identity management and data centre security, national security, personal freedom and commercial enterprise need not become casualties. For more information click here.

Latin America: Terrorism Issues
Mark P. Sullivan, Specialist in Latin American Affairs, recaps that since the September 2001 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, U.S. attention to terrorism in Latin America was intensified, with an increase in bilateral and regional cooperation. In its 2009 Country Reports on Terrorism (issued in August 2010), the State Department maintained that terrorism in the region was primarily perpetrated by terrorist organizations in Colombia and by the remnants of radical leftist Andean groups. Overall, however, the report maintained that the threat of a transnational terrorist attack remained low for most countries in the hemisphere. For more information click here.
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News

Deadly Blast Comes at Sensitive Time for Russia

A suicide bomber attacked Moscow’s busiest airport on Monday, January 24th, killing 35 people and injecting new pain into a country already split along ethnic lines. There was no indication on Monday night of who was behind the blast. Past terrorist attacks have been traced to militants in the North Caucasus, a predominantly Muslim region in the south of Russia. The attack inflicted a deep injury on Moscow’s image just as President Dmitri A. Medvedev prepared to woo foreign investors at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. For more information click here and click here.

Stuxnet Computer Worm Said Vetted in Israel

Israel conducted preliminary trials of the "Stuxnet" computer worm believed to have disabled 20 percent of Iran’s uranium enrichment centrifuges since its 2009 release, the New York Times reported on Saturday, citing intelligence and military specialists (see GSN, Jan. 15). The United States, Israel and other countries have for years pressed Iran to halt its uranium enrichment program, which can produce civilian fuel as well as weapon material. Tehran has insisted its atomic ambitions are strictly peaceful while steadfastly refusing to consider curbs to the enrichment effort. For more information click here.

Canadian terror suspect to fight extradition to U.S.

Faruq Khalil Muhammad 'Isa, a Canadian terror suspect, was arrested in Canada on Wednesday on U.S. charges that he was a long-distance conspirator and booster for Tunisian jihadists in Iraq, urging them in a series of messages to kill "dog Americans" in suicide bombings. His lawyer says his client will fight extradition to the United States. Federal prosecutors in Brooklyn allege that though Faruq Khalil Muhammad 'Isa never left Canada, he was key part of a terror network involved in separate attacks in Iraq in 2009 that killed five American soldiers outside a U.S. base and seven people at an Iraqi police complex. For more information click here.

Colombia's FARC to Step Up Activities in 2011

“In 2011, we’ll redouble our activities in every sense, drawing on our convictions, the care that comes with experience and the valor of all our fallen fighters,” says the group’s top leader, Alfonso Cano. Alfonso Cano made the remarks in a New Year’s video uploaded to the Web site of Sweden-based news agency Anncol, which often relays Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, communiqués. For more information click here.

Brazil to spend $6 bln on border controls-report

Brazil is planning to spend $6 billion (10 billion reais) on a new project to protect its borders against smuggling and arms trafficking, Folha de S. Paulo newspaper reported on Sunday, January 9th. The so-called Sisfron system, which is expected to be ready by 2019, is to be funded by long-term external financing, the newspaper said. The government sees the entry of weapons and smuggled goods across Brazil's frontiers with countries such as Colombia, Venezuela and Peru, as the biggest threat to national security, Folha said. For more information click here.

Guatemala: 9 people killed on bus attack

The number of victims killed in the January 3 bus bombing has risen to nine. Mr. Carlos Menocal, Minister of the Interior, said on January 12 that Danilo Perez Rodriguez, 28, who is suspected of making the bomb, was arrested. Two other gang members were apprehended, accused of having participated in the attack. The primary hypothesis of the Attorney's General Office suggests that the attack was to pressure the bus operators' cooperative to pay the extortions that are regularly made to these criminal organizations. For more information click here.