

INFORMATION BULLETIN
GROUP OF EXPERTS FOR THE CONTROL OF MONEY LAUNDERING (GELAVEX)

**LIV (VIRTUAL) MEETING OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS
FOR THE CONTROL OF MONEY LAUNDERING
May 23-24, 2023
Washington D.C.
Hybrid Format**

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INFORMATION BULLETIN – VIRTUAL MODALITY
Regular Virtual Session – May 23-24, 2023

The **LIV Meeting of the Group of Experts for the Control of Money Laundering (GELAVEX)** will be in hybrid format, with in person participation in Washington DC and virtually from May 23 to 24, 2023, from 09:00 a.m. to 05:30 p.m. (**Washington D.C. time**). The coordination meeting will be held between the Presidency, Vice Presidency, Coordinators of the Working Subgroups, and the Technical Secretariat only, will take place on May 22 between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. (**Washington DC Time**).

The purpose of the meeting is to follow up on the approved Work Plan and the recommendations agreed at the LIII GELAVEX meeting, held in virtual format from Washington DC on November 16, 2022.

The links to access each of the sessions of this meeting will be individually distributed, according to the profile of the participant, to all those who register through the virtual form available at the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/6Ru9Vb1AqU>

1. PLATFORM AND DELEGATIONS:

For those who connect virtually, the LIV Expert Group Meeting for the Control of Money Laundering will be held at the **Kudo** Platform. We attach instructions on how to connect to this newsletter. In case of any technical difficulty with the use of the platform, please get in touch through the WhatsApp group created for this purpose. To access the group, please enter the following link from your cell phone:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/CMoLB4ZQjPzG9Zk4A766d7>

Each Member State and Permanent Observer delegation may designate **up to 2 (two) speaker delegates** who will have access to the platform with the possibility to request the floor during the session, as well as to vote on behalf of their delegation. Speaking requests from delegates will be authorized if the delegation wishes to make comments, clarify doubts and/or present relevant

contributions after the sub-groups' presentations. Additionally, each delegation may have a maximum of 3 (three) non-speaking delegates who can attend the meeting virtually but will be unable to request to speak. In the event that any delegation requires an exception, please submit a request via email to DDOT@oas.org, which will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

The Technical Secretariat recommends that the delegations establish a parallel communication system between the different delegates of the same country in order to coordinate any comments or contributions that non-speaking delegates may wish to make through their speaking delegates during the meeting. In the following pages, some recommendations are provided, in order to guarantee efficient communication and optimal use of time during this virtual meeting.

Finally, we ask the delegations which have not registered yet to please indicate their primary (speaking) and alternate (non-speaking) delegates, so that it is possible to individually share the link to the platform corresponding to each one. For the delegations that have already nominated their delegates, the roles of each will be confirmed, together with the Permanent and Observer Missions.

2. TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT OF THE GELAVEX

Department against Transnational Organized Crime (DTOC) of the Organization of American States (OAS)

E-mail: DDOT@oas.org

3. REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Registration of participants can only be done online by completing and submitting the registration form available at: <https://forms.office.com/r/6Ru9Vb1AqU>

4. LANGUAGES FOR THE WORKING SESSIONS AND DOCUMENTS

The working sessions will be in Spanish and English and will have simultaneous interpretation in both languages. The Technical Secretariat will distribute the documents of this Meeting by email in advance.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PLATFORM AND THE USE OF TIME

We recommend that delegates follow the guidelines below to optimize the use of time during the meeting:

- Participants will be able to access the platform one hour before the meeting starts. To access, we suggest the following username format: **COUNTRY (Name and Last Name - Agency)**
Example: BOLIVIA (Juan Perez - UIF). We suggest abbreviating the agency name: Financial Intelligence Unit - FIU; Attorney General Office – AGO; Department of Public Prosecution – DPP; Asset Management Agency – AMA, etc.

- We respectfully suggest to delegations that take the floor to speak, to kindly forego acknowledgements and greetings; in order to make the most of the limited time of the meeting;
- Due to the time limits of this meeting, the delegations that wish to speak after the presentations of the Sub-Group coordinators are politely requested to speak in accordance with the rules defined by the Presidency: the maximum time is 3 minutes per delegation, so that all delegations can speak within the established time;
- We request that delegations that have 2 (two) speakers coordinate with each other when requesting the floor to give time to other delegations to participate.
- The Department against Transnational Organized Crime kindly requests delegations to be connected 30 minutes before the start time of the meeting on May 23; in order to resolve any technical problems and to ensure that the meeting starts on time.

6. PLATFORM CONNECTION TEST FOR THE REGULAR SESSION

The platform connection test will take place on Monday, May 22, 2023, between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. (EDT), Washington D.C. time. The delegates who wish to familiarize themselves with the Kudo platform will be able to do so at the indicated time through the following link:

<https://live.kudoway.com/ad/220116253711>

Meeting ID: 220116253711

7. OTHER MATTERS

The Technical Secretariat remains available to clarify any doubts and respond to any questions from the delegations through the email DDOT@oas.org.