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DOCUMENT OF BEST PRACTICES IN SYSTEMS FOR MANAGING SEIZED AND FORFEITED ASSETS IN
LATIN AMERICA AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE ORGANIZATION'S MEMBER STATES
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Document of Best Practices and Their Impact on the Organization's Member States

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Best Practices Document Impact on Countries

§ The *“Document of Best Practices in Systems for Managing Seized and Forfeited Assets in Latin America”* is the only reference document in Latin America intended to be used by the countries as reference on the topic of creating and developing systems for managing assets. It has been used, both directly and indirectly with the outcomes of the BIDAL Project, to create and develop the following systems and agencies.



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Best Practices Document Direct Impact

Argentina:

- ü Amendments to the Criminal Code, Article 305, forfeiture without judgment.
- ü Equity Investigation Manual, National Prosecution Service.
- ü Replication of seminars and workshops on equity investigations and asset management for more than 400 prosecutors and judges.
- ü Bill in the National Congress to create specialized agencies for asset management.
- ü Creation of the registration system for seized and forfeited assets in the Secretariat of Security.



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Best Practices Document Direct Impact

Uruguay:

- ü Full-law forfeiture, Law 18494.
- ü Modification of the JND's seized assets fund, Law 18362.
- ü Regulations of the JND's seized assets fund, Executive Decree 339-2010.



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Best Practices Document Indirect Impact

Guatemala:

- ü Creation of the National Secretariat for the Administration of Forfeited Assets. Chapter V of the Forfeiture Law.

Honduras:

- ü Regulatory Decree on the Organization and Functioning of the Seized Asset Administration Office (OABI).



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Best Practices Document Indirect Impact

Costa Rica:

- ü Expanded powers of the Seized and Forfeited Asset Administration Unit of the Costa Rican Drugs Institute, Chapter V, Organized Crime Law No. 8754.

Venezuela:

- ü Decree creating the National Service for the Management and Disposal of Seized, Confiscated, and Forfeited Assets.



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BIDAL Project El Salvador and the Dominican Republic

El Salvador:

- ü Diagnostic assessment of the situation of the National System for Equity Investigations and Asset Management.
- ü Work is currently underway with an interinstitutional group on a preliminary draft Special Law for the Management of Seized and Forfeited Assets
- ü Organization of the national seminar on equity investigations and asset management.

Dominican Republic:

- ü Diagnostic assessment of the situation of the National System for Equity Investigations and Asset Management.



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