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**DRAFT SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

**Monday, June 25, 2012**

08:30 Registration of Participants

**INAUGURAL SESSION**

- 09:00 Welcome remarks by:
- Dr. Fidas F. Aristi, President, National Drug Council (CND)
  - Amb. Aníbal Quiñonez, Director, OAS National Office in Dominican Republic
  - To be determined
  - To be determined

**FIRST PLENARY SESSION**

- 09:45 Introduction and Review
- Background
  - Objectives and CICAD Commission expectations
  - Schedule of work
  - Proposed work methodology
  - Status report on Recommendations
  - Other issues

10:30 Break

10:45 First Roundtable: Identification of the new issues of concern, challenges and trends that could be assigned to a working group

- 12:00 Draft Guide for Tracing Chemical Substances
- Gabriela Sosa, Argentina

*Briefing: Draft prepared during the Group of Experts Meeting in 2011. The objective is to create a guide of best practices for tracing controlled chemical substances within the same batch, so when any of these products is found in clandestine labs of narcotic drugs and/or psychotropic substances in the country or abroad, would be possible to determine when and where they were diverted from licit channels. The delegation from Argentina coordinated the preparation of this document and submits it for approval of the Group.*

12:45 Lunch

## SECOND PLENARY SESSION

14:00 Procedures Manual for the Control of Imports and Exports of Chemical Substances and Products that Contain Them  
○ Juan Barahona, Ecuador

*Briefing: Draft prepared during the Group of Experts Meeting in 2011. A working group was established to prepare a procedures manual to control the import and export of chemical substances. The delegation from Ecuador coordinated the preparation of this document and submits it for approval of the Group.*

14:45 Guide and model training curriculum for judges and prosecutors  
○ Daniela Palma Rodríguez, Chile

*Briefing: Initiated in 2010 this guide is aimed to increase the knowledge and awareness of judges and prosecutors regarding the diversion and use of chemicals in the illicit production of synthetic drugs. The guide will provide users with an overview of illicit drugs production and the use of legitimate chemical substances in this process. The model curriculum will provide member states with a program that could be used in national and regional training seminars for prosecutors and judges with the optional participation of law enforcement officers. The delegation from Chile coordinated the preparation of this document and submits it for approval of the Group.*

15:30 Break

15:45 Synthetic Drug Problem in Latin America  
○ Juan Carlos Araneda, SMART Project Coordinator, UNODC

16:30 Hemispheric Drug Strategy and its Plan of Action 2011-2015 - basis for the evaluation instrument of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism

(MEM) for the Sixth Evaluation Round – Pharmaceutical products and chemical substances

- Angela Crowdy, MEM Coordinator

17:00 Closing of the working day

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

### THIRD PLENARY SESSION

09:00 Presentation by INCB

- Matthew Nice (to be confirmed)

*Briefing: presentation by INCB regarding national estimates of chemical needs, pre-export notifications and PICS (Precursors Incident Communication System). The portion dealing with national estimates will contribute to the discussion and response to the task assigned by the Commission regarding this issue. Frustrations and problems regarding pre-export notifications continues to be an issue of concern among many member states, PICS is a new initiative by INCB to provide a platform for real-time exchange of information regarding chemical diversion.*

09:45 Flow of precursor chemicals to Central America - *Briefing on the presentation delivered to the recent SICA meeting regarding current trends in the movement of precursor chemicals to countries in Central America.*

- U.S. delegation

10:30 Break

10:45 PRELAC – Cooperation between Control Authorities and the Private Sector – A brief description of lessons learned during the execution of the following project: "Prevention of the diversion of chemical substances and precursors in the Latin American and Caribbean Region" PRELAC (Phase 1)" - and key aspects to consider for cooperation development between government control agencies and the private sector.

- Mario Puente, Specialist, Chemical Substances Control, PRELAC project, UNODC Regional Office in Peru

11:30 First Working Group Session

Objective: working groups are established to: 1) review the documents presented in the first and second plenary sessions, if necessary; 2) review documents not approved by the CICAD Commission;

#### Proposed Topics:

- Proposal for a plan of action for the problem of methamphetamine precursor diversion: Initiative concerning major exporters of chemical substances

Objective: The delegation from Mexico coordinated the working group that prepared the document during the Group of Experts Meeting in 2011. The proposal was to develop a plan of action to address the issues through meetings with government authorities and private sector entities in countries where manufacturing and exportation of the subject chemicals takes place. The final document was presented to the CICAD Commission during its fiftieth regular session (November 2011). The CICAD Commission directed the Group to develop the methodology that it proposes to use, identify the possible countries and officials to be contacted, the proposed participants (names etc) of any delegation that might be sent to these countries and provide all other details regarding the proposed approach for the Commission's consideration and approval.

- Estimates of national needs for chemicals precursors:

Objective: The discussion of this issue took place during the meetings for the review of the "Model Regulations for the Control of Chemical Substances used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances" (Costa Rica in 2010, and Peru and Ecuador in 2011). During its fiftieth regular session (November 2011), the CICAD Commission mandated the Group of Experts to discuss the concept and feasibility of conducting national legitimate needs estimates for chemicals controlled under the United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988.

- Draft guide for an administrative and criminal framework for the control of materials and chemical substances

Objective: Draft elaborated during the Group of Experts Meeting in 2010 and coordinated by the delegation from Chile. This guide outlines the major elements that must be considered when establishing mechanisms for the control of chemicals. Due to the differences of terminology and legal systems between member States the Group decided to finalize the work after the review and update of the "Model Regulations for the Control of Chemical Substances used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances".

12:45 Lunch  
14:00 First Working Group Session – cont.  
15:30 Break  
15:45 First Working Group Session – cont.  
17:00 Closing of the working day

#### Wednesday, June 27, 2012

09:00 Presentation by Dominican Republic  
○ Manuel Antonio Lebrón, Department of Chemicals and Precursors,  
National Drug Control Directorate (DNCD)  
09:45 First Working Group Session – cont.  
10:30 Break  
10:45 First Working Group Session – cont.  
12:45 Lunch

#### FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

14:00 Presentation of the First Working Group Session results  
  
Objective: Representatives of each working group report on the status of their work to the plenary for comments and input from the other members of the meeting. The working group responsible would take note of the input to further refine the framework or scope of the document or guide being prepared to finalize it during the meeting or in the next meeting of the Group of Experts if it is the case.  
15:30 Break  
15:45 Presentation of the First Working Group Session results – cont.  
17:00 Closing of the working day

#### Thursday, June 28, 2012

#### FIFTH PLENARY SESSION

09:00 Second Working Group Session

Objective: working groups are established to: 1) to address issues identified in previous meetings; 2) to address issues sent to CICAD before the meeting; 3) to address issues identified during the first roundtable.

#### Issues identified in previous meetings

- Preparation of model training curriculum for general control of pharmaceuticals, training of inspectors;
- Criteria for level of control of the chemicals substances (tables)
- Legislation and regulations for the control of internet sales of drugs
- Preventative control of chemical substances

#### Issues sent to CICAD before the meeting

- Import/Export control of chemicals
- Counterfeit precursor chemicals
- PICS (Precursors Incident Communication System)
- Chemical testing kits

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| 10:30 | Break                                |
| 10:45 | Second Working Group Session – cont. |
| 12:45 | Lunch                                |
| 14:00 | Second Working Group Session – cont. |
| 15:30 | Break                                |
| 15:45 | Second Working Group Session – cont. |
| 17:00 | Closing of the working day           |

Friday, June 28, 2012

#### SIXTH PLENARY SESSION

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| 09:00 | Presentation of the Second Working Group Session results                                                                          |
| 10:30 | Conclusions, commitments and recommendations for action by the Working Group to be submitted to the CICAD Commission for approval |
| 11:00 | Closing ceremony                                                                                                                  |

