

**BRAZIL'S STATEMENT**  
**VICE-PRESIDENCY OF CICAD**

**The Brazilian Participation at the CICAD**

Decades ago the Brazilian Government engaged in regional cooperation efforts related to drug issues. Recognizing a problem that began to aggravate in the region, in the early seventies, Brazil supported the first initiative, from Argentina, to give regional emphasis to the drug problem in the hemisphere, resulting in the approval, in 1973, of the South American Agreement on Psychotropic and Narcotics. From this agreement a sub-regional mechanism was created. It was an important antidrug multilateral cooperation document for the region.

In the next decade, in 1986, Brazil would host, in Rio de Janeiro, the Specialized Interamerican Conference on Narcotics Trafficking, the one that created CICAD. Our Government has participated, actively, of the negotiations for elaborating the Interamerican Action Program of Rio de Janeiro against the Consumption, the Production and the Illicit Trafficking of Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances, signed in the same occasion. Ten years later we would also be deeply committed on the elaboration of an Antidrug Hemispheric Strategy, approved in Montevideo, in 1996.

Brazil also supported, with great enthusiasm, the proposal that created the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) in 1999 and has, since then, provided all possible collaboration for the consolidation, strengthening and enhancing of this valuable instrument, that serves as a model for similar mechanisms in other multilateral foras, such as corruption and human rights.

For all of us that have been following the CICAD along these last years, MEM constitutes as unequivocal demonstration of a strengthened multilateral cooperation; an important evaluation instrument among pairs and a valuable tool to foster these types of actions. We can see the results. In the last plenary session the debates over the necessities and perspective of improving the instrument are proof of its maturity and of how much we have achieved.

Brazil participates, in a regular manner of diverse expert groups of CICAD, occasionally presiding some of them. Sharing, in plenary sessions, the internal evolutions on the topic of drugs in Brazil, our best practices and all the horizontal cooperation that we have participated. Our commitment reflects the recognition of this forum as a hemispheric reference of excellence for the equilibrated way in which it treats the drug problem in all of its aspects.

### **National Aspects**

The Brazilian participation at the CICAD has been accompanied by internal relevant evolutions. Little by little, we have created an institutional structure in the demand and supply reduction of drugs, which may be considered as been consolidated. Our job is done in a multidisciplinary perspective of the topic, involving an interministerial task-force that is coordinated permanently by the National Antidrug Council (CONAD) and, in an ad hoc manner, in each one of the foras and internal and external cooperation instances, in which we participate. Another important issue has been the adoption, in 2001, of the National Policy on Drugs, in consonance with directives of the Hemispheric Antidrug Strategy and other international commitments assumed by Brazil, and that have contributed to the constant enhancing of internal structures to the demand and supply reduction of drugs. After an ample debate process, with the participation of the Brazilian society, the Policy was approved by the National Antidrug Council.

### **The Brazilian Vice-Presidency**

In this context, Brazil is considered fit to collaborate with CICAD, assuming – by the first time – the Vice-Presidency of the Commission, by vote of this Plenary. We consider this post a huge responsibility among our brothering countries and the Organization of the American States (OAS), responsibility that is assumed with great enthusiasm.

As Vice-Presidents of this Commission, we intend to contribute to the continuity and enhancing of many important initiatives that are being implemented, such as the following:

**a)** in the first place, I would mention the creation of the project “Clusters of Regional Transversal Cooperation” in some specific areas related to the work of member countries. Such project inserts itself in the concept of “Transversal Cooperation with Member States”, idealized by the Executive Secretariat of the CICAD in the sense that today's reality demands a pro-active role from all of us, involved actors in the production control, commerce and illicit and licit drug consume process in the hemisphere. In this project's realm, Brazil accepted recently to collaborate in “academic and Antidrug research” areas.

In this context, in partnership with CICAD, we shall, in 2006, coordinate, among others, two programs, including assuming the bigger half of the costs. These are:

- Regional Program to Specialize On-Line Research to Health and Related Areas Professionals to Study the Drug Phenomenon in Latin America, benefiting other member countries of the CICAD and, also, Portuguese Speaking Countries.
- Project on Pilot Research of Multicentric Studies on Drugs, Women and Violence in the Americas, involving 23 Universities distributed in 11 countries, among those 4 are in the United States of the Americas and 19 in Latin America.

**b)** In the supply reduction area, Brazil intends to expand its international cooperation program, in 2006, with CICAD member states and Portuguese Speaking Countries, offering seats in police capacitating courses and specialized activities, in areas such as Police Intelligence for operational activities; police planning and managing; drug interdiction in ports and airports; control and fiscalization of chemical products; guide of drug sniffing dogs; money laundering and assets confiscation; repressive mechanisms towards arms trafficking; and crimes against the environment and related to drug production and animal trafficking.

**c)** In the maritime narcotraffic, we have mastered, in partnership with our Mexican friends, the work program for next year, identifying new important partnerships to be established in the ports control area to combat drug trafficking and its precursors by maritime containers.

**d)** On money laundering, our Financial Activities Control Council shall proceed in its efforts to horizontally cooperate with the Financial Intelligence Units of other countries, with the assistance of the Money Laundering Unit of CICAD.

**e)** As Vice-President of CICAD, we shall be working together with our Bolivian friends, to guarantee a stronger synergy between the CICAD and the other specialized foras. We are deeply convinced that the many foras that deal with the drug issue are to be complementary, summing, rather than duplicating, efforts. It is this condition that we shall want to augment with the Commission on Narcotics of the UN, the Latin America Chiefs of Police Meeting in charge of drug topics (HONLEA/UN) and the Specialized Network on Drugs of the Mercosul, among others. In the OAS ambit, we shall support all efforts that CICAD has been making to keep in coordination with entities and foras that deal with related topics, such as arms and people trafficking.

To finalize, Mr. President, I want to, in the name of my country, thank the trust that you have put upon us to work in this important assignment of Vice-President of CICAD.

With the certainty of our efforts and disposition to work with our brothering country, Bolívia, assuring to aid and collaborate in order to fulfill the assumed commitments and hemispheric instruments.

Thank you very much!!

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