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The delegations of Member States of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), gathered in Mexico City, from October 6-8, 2003, in the First Inter-American Meeting on Cooperation Mechanisms against Organized Crime, reached the following conclusions:

Considering,

That the Anti-Drug Strategy in the Hemisphere foresees integral actions against the supply of illicit drugs and to sanction those responsible for illicit activities and related crimes,

That in the December 5, 2002 Declaration of Mexico City, CICAD agreed to “support(ing) institution-building activities in order to combat drugs and strengthen cooperation against transnational organized crime” as well as corruption,

That the entry into force of the Convention of Palermo shall contribute among Member States of the OAS to accelerate the development of their institutions in order to face organized crime and to strengthen international cooperation in this respect,

That drug trafficking, being one of the most germane expressions of transnational organized crime, does in some cases facilitate other organized crime activities of great concern for the American States, such as terrorism and its financing, kidnapping, trafficking of persons, arms and explosives smuggling, among others, which may put at risk the security, governance and democratic stability of the Member States,

That CICAD has made progress in the treatment of several transnational organized crime expressions derived from drug trafficking, such as money laundering, diversion of chemical precursors and arms trafficking. This advancement has contributed to the institutional development among Member States and has fostered confidence and cooperation between them,

That activities developed by CICAD on transnational organized crime find their basis in the functions conferred upon it by OAS General Assembly resolutions AG/RES1457 (XXVII-O/97) and AG/RES 1949 (XXXIII-O/03).

## Agreed

1. To emphasize the necessity that CICAD maintain its efforts against different transnational organized crime expressions related to drug trafficking and related offenses, with a view to the need for establishing coordination and cooperation mechanisms with relevant OAS institutions, in order to optimize its efforts and ensure that the OAS consolidates itself as a regional forum that makes cooperation against organized crime effective.
2. To recommend to CICAD that it reflect upon the most effective means of dealing with all transnational organized crime expressions linked with drug trafficking and related offenses and, in this respect, to complement the Anti-Drug Strategy in the Hemisphere, and to consider its present functions with a view to their expansion preserving nevertheless the current characteristics of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism.
3. To recommend that CICAD join its efforts in the hemispheric sphere with others, such as the Meeting of Ministers of Justice and General Attorneys of the Americas, whose commitments lead to the strengthening of legal and judicial cooperation against the different expressions of transnational organized crime.
4. To recommend that CICAD, in its 34<sup>th</sup> regular session, consider the possibility of creating an Ad Hoc open ended Group among the Member States, which will continue to reflect on institutional development options and evaluate ways to strengthen regional cooperation on fighting drug trafficking and transnational organized crime with relation to illicit drug trafficking and related offenses; develop, under the Convention of Palermo and its Protocols, model legislation against organized crime; ensure exchanges of experience; establish points of contact in relation to different aspects of focus on this problem such as the judicial, non-judicial, law enforcement, administrative and political areas, and provide training and information exchange.
5. To call upon OAS Member States that have not yet done so, to ratify or adhere to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols, and to adapt their national legislation to those instruments.