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**GROUP OF EXPERTS ON MARITIME DRUG TRAFFICKING**

# Group of Experts on Maritime Drug Trafficking



## Meeting

- From 24 to 27 June 2013.
- Suites del Bosque Hotel.
- Lima, Peru.



## Participants

- 69 Experts.
- 14 Member States:
  - Argentina
  - Bolivia
  - Brazil
  - Chile
  - Colombia
  - Ecuador
  - El Salvador
  - United States
  - Mexico
  - Panama
  - Paraguay
  - Peru
  - Trinidad and Tobago
  - Venezuela
- Observers from Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Russia, Spain, and United Kingdom.



Experts were requested to identify new trends, challenges, and threats that have been noted within the purview of maritime drug trafficking. Common matters of concern identified in the panel discussion were the tasks assigned to the working groups during the meeting.



## Presentations

- **National Maritime Authority of Peru**
  - Activities by the National Maritime Authority.
  - Aquatic Traffic Information and Monitoring System (SIMTRAC).
- **Hemispheric Study on Maritime Drug Trafficking 2003**
  - A general presentation on the study was carried out, how it was organized, and how it was performed. With this, those matters of the study that could be relevant to update were outlined.
  - The study was further considered in the session of the working group.



# Plenary Discussions

- **Guide on Special Techniques for Investigating Maritime Drug Trafficking (Argentina)**
  - The Executive Secretariat will circulate a questionnaire to all Member States. Answers would be informed to the Group for analysis and actions to be taken.
- **Guide for the Establishment of Joint Interagency Units for Risk Management and Cargo Assessment on Ports (Peru)**
  - A general outline prepared by the working group in its last meeting was submitted. The working group was entrusted to continue with this task.



- **Guide for Law Enforcement Officers to Help Ensuring Successful Prosecutions when Applying the Maritime Law, formerly called “Guide for Judicial Support” (United States)**
  - A questionnaire was developed to identify obstacles and impediments that investigators, public prosecutors and judges face in cases of illicit drug trafficking by sea.
  - The purpose of this support is to enhance awareness in the purview of the judiciary about operational complexities and facts of the maritime drug trafficking interdiction, to the extent that it affects regulations and evidences expected from the onshore interdiction activities. A Guide will be developed.



- **Guide on Best Practices to Prevent Criminal Infiltrations and Corruption in Port Facilities (Saint Kitts and Nevis, Argentina)**
  - The Guide is contained in the Group of Experts' Final Report to be considered by the Commission.
- **Annual Updating of the Newsletter on Methods and Routes Used for Carrying Illicit Drugs and Related Smuggling by Sea**
  - A newsletter was developed. It was posted on the website.



## Working Groups

- **Guide for the Establishment of Joint Interagency Units for Risk Management and Cargo Assessment on Ports (Coordinator: Peru)**
  - The working group is working by electronic means to develop a draft guide.
  - This draft guide will be circulated to the Group members for review in preparation for final approval in the next Group meeting.



- **Guide for Law Enforcement Officers to Help Ensuring Successful Prosecutions when Applying the Maritime Law, formerly called “Guide for Judicial Support” (United States)**

- The guide will be focused on what should be done or considered by law enforcement officers to meet needs or requirements of public prosecutors and judges involved in cases of maritime drug trafficking.
- This draft guide will be circulated to the Group members for review in preparation for final approval in the next Group meeting.



- **Hemispheric Study on Maritime Drug Trafficking**

- The Executive Secretariat is developing a draft questionnaire that will be circulated to the members of the Group of Experts for comments. The final draft will be circulated to the Member States.
- The CICAD Offer Reduction Section, in coordination with the Chairmanship, will submit to the countries a proposed outline and steps to be taken for the Hemispheric Study on Maritime Drug Trafficking, with the results of this consultation, Peru will convene a meeting of a special working group for the first semester of 2014 to take the required measures to develop the study and/or to prepare the report.
- The results will be submitted in the next meeting of the Group of Experts in 2014.



## Plan of Action

- The following plan of action was developed. Its assigned products will be submitted in the next Group meeting:
  - Guide for the Establishment of Joint Interagency Units for Risk Management and Cargo Assessment on Ports.
  - Guide for Law Enforcement Officers to Help Ensuring Successful Prosecutions when Applying the Maritime Law.
  - Hemispheric Study on Maritime Drug Trafficking.
- Also, the following potential matters for discussion were identified:
  - Training in drug inspection on ships.
  - Investigation on “cloning” or “recycling” of ships.



## Conclusions and Recommendations

- The Group of Experts on Maritime Drug Trafficking recommends that the Commission should:
  - **Accept and approve** the following resource document:
    - Guide on Best Practices to Prevent Criminal Infiltrations and Corruption in Port Facilities.
  - **Entrust** the Group of Experts to continue with works relative to updating the Hemispheric Study on Maritime Drug Trafficking carried out in 2003 in order to carry out again the said study in 2013/14.
  - **Accept** the proposed plan of action for the Group of Experts, and
  - **Provide** that the Group of Experts to meet in 2014 and implement the proposed plan, and enable to put into consideration new or emerging matters.



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