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The current Plan of Action has been adjusted in accordance with the decision adopted during the twenty-third regular session of CICAD.

Demand Reduction

1. Mandate the Group of Experts on Demand Reduction to continue to examine the subject of Demand Reduction, and to periodically incorporate its conclusions and recommendations in the Plan of Action.
2. Establish a mechanism to compile and disseminate information on experiences and successes related to demand reduction programming and initiatives.
3. Prepare statistics on drug consumption in countries including illicit drugs and licit pharmaceuticals.
4. Compile and disseminate information regarding best practices in the areas of prevention and treatment in relation to special groups such as youth, women, indigenous peoples, etc.
5. Strengthen its capacity and assist countries in monitoring trends and promote research on drug abuse including studies on the health and social costs of substance abuse.
6. At technical meetings held by CICAD on the subject, to promote the preparation of clear guidelines outlining those aspects and factors that, from a conceptual and methodological standpoint, should be included in a national prevention program, with a view to achieving standardization at the inter-American level on the basis of successful experiences carried out thus far.

Supply Reduction

7. Assist in promoting greater coordination among law enforcement agencies/officials and among the judiciary in member states.
8. Promote and facilitate better coordination in intelligence gathering/exchange and regarding drug related investigations internationally.
9. Establish a mechanism for the compilation and dissemination of information concerning experiences in alternative development efforts and programs (including those of NGO'S).
10. Assist member states making representation to international financial institutions for financial support for alternative development initiatives.
11. Develop a mechanism for the verification of illicit drug cultivation, environmental damage and identification of economic redevelopment of these areas in member states.

Control Measures

12. Provide support and assistance in the review and modification of laws as part of a harmonization of legislation and judicial review.
13. Develop model systems and procedures for the control of precursor chemicals while not interfering with legitimate

commercial or industrial trade in/use of these substances.

14. Develop mechanisms to control precursor chemicals.

15. Promote collaboration and cooperation among the countries regarding the movement of precursor chemicals, using various mechanisms including standard form and procedures for verification.

16. Reinforce training initiatives regarding the control of precursor chemicals including the safe and acceptable disposal of these substances and the neutralization of chemical by-products on the environment with the assistance of relevant experts in these fields.

17. Provide assistance/training in the use of intelligence in investigations and prosecutions.

18. Establish a mechanism for the electronic exchange of information regarding judicial reform and modernization of criminal/legal procedures.

19. Compile, prepare and disseminate a compendium of model law enforcement enabling legislation based upon legislation and model regulations prepared by member states, other OAS organizations and other international organizations.

20. Mandate the Group of Experts on Money Laundering to meet twice annually and otherwise promote continuity in its work and further mandate it to handle all substantive matters related to this issue.

21. Redouble its efforts before the Inter-American Development Bank to re-emphasize the importance of recommendations of the December 1995 Summit of the Americas Buenos Aires Communique and inquire as to what assistance is required from the OAS to expedite approval of the funding proposal related to the foregoing recommendations (with the good offices of the Secretary General of the OAS and member states).

22. Make expanded use of typologies exercises in the work of experts groups (as per the Experts Group) on Money Laundering) to identify methods used by criminal organizations to better understand these methods and to develop effective counter measures.

23. Promote and encourage hemispheric cooperation among member states in customs and maritime control issues.

24. Encourage member states to enter into constructive dialogue with the private sector to identify mechanism for the control of drug smuggling.

General Issues

25. Assist with institutional strengthening in member states to promote collaboration (integration) among agencies, ministries and other entities responsible for the various aspects of the country's response to the drug problem.

26. Assist with training (relates to all priority lines of action and programs of CICAD).

27. Assist countries in data base development and data gathering regarding all aspects of the drug issue.

28. Assist countries with the identification of sources of money to support implementation of the strategy.

29. Develop impact indicators regarding programs and initiatives.

30. Identify and compile information concerning existing training activities being carried out by agencies/organizations and

further coordinating training initiatives being contemplated by CICAD with these existing programs.

GLOBAL COMMITMENT

31. Ensure strong coordination with the UNDCP and other appropriate international organizations to avoid overlap and duplication, promoting the development of collaboration and the pursuit of joint initiatives.