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REGARDING THE MURDER OF DR. MARCELO PECCI**

**STATEMENT BY THE GROUP OF EXPERTS FOR THE CONTROL OF MONEY LAUNDERING (GELAVEX)
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The Group of Experts for the Control of Money Laundering (GELAVEX) of the Organization of American States denounces, condemns, repudiates and expresses its deep regret for the brutal murder, on May 10, 2022, of the Honorable Delegated Prosecutor of the Specialized Organized Crime Unit of Paraguay, **Marcelo Pecci**, who stood out for his tireless fight against money laundering and transnational organized crime.

Also, the GELAVEX expresses its deep concern regarding the criminal aggression against government officials in charge of preventing and combating the different manifestations and structures of transnational organized crime.

In this regard, the GELAVEX reiterates once again the warning that this Group of Experts expressed at its thirty-sixth meeting, which took place in May 2013 (DOC.13/13), on the urgent need to include in national agendas, actions that neutralize attacks directed at law enforcement officials, urging the implementation of the "Recommendations for the Security and Integrity of Officials Responsible for Combating Money Laundering and Related Crimes" (DOC.8/15), approved by the GELAVEX during its forty-first meeting, in October 2015.

Finally, this Group of Experts expresses its condolences to his wife, his family, friends, and colleagues.