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DRAFT RESOLUTION
ADVANCING HEMISPHERIC SECURITY
A MULTIDIMENSIONAL APPROACH

(OFFICIAL CICAD PARAGRAPHS)
Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD)

1. Reaffirms that countering the world drug problem is a common and shared responsibility that must be addressed in a multilateral setting, that it requires an integral and balanced approach and that it must be carried out in full conformity with the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter and other provisions of international law, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action on human rights and, in particular, with respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, for the principle of non-intervention in internal affairs of States and for all human rights and fundamental freedoms, and on the basis of the principles of equal rights and mutual respect.

2. Reaffirms that the world drug problem should be addressed in accordance with the provisions in the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, amended by the 1972 Protocol, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 and the United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988, which constitute the framework of the international drug control system.

3. Invites member states to implement or strengthen, as appropriate, a public health and human rights perspective in their demand reduction public policies based on an integral, multidisciplinary and intersectorial approach based on scientific evidence, according to their individual situation, which incorporates prevention, early intervention, treatment, care, rehabilitation, recovery and social reintegration measures.

4. Also invites member states to promote and put in practice prevention measures, including those oriented to counter the social consequences related to the drug problem.

5. Establishes an “alternatives to incarceration” working group within the framework of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), and instruct the Group to prepare a technical report on existing alternatives to incarceration for drug-related offenses in accordance with the three international drug control conventions, taking into account national legislative frameworks and the contents of the Hemispheric Drug Strategy and Plan of Action 2011 – 2015, and instruct it to present its progress at CICAD 56 and its final report at CICAD 57.

6. Recommends that member states continue their efforts to adopt or improve comprehensive and balanced measures aimed at reducing the availability of the illicit supply of drugs.

7. Encourages member states to consider, as part of their national policies, comprehensive and sustainable alternative development programs and measures—including, where appropriate, preventive alternative development—aimed at eliminating the factors that
cause poverty, social exclusion, and environmental degradation in order, inter alia, to avert the involvement of vulnerable populations in activities connected with illicit drug production and trafficking.

8. Invites member states to continue a broad, transparent, inclusive and scientific-based discussion within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant international instruments, and encourage discussion on approaches to address the world drug problem in the hemisphere to enable the exchange of best practices and lessons learned to serve as inputs to the special session of the UN General Assembly to be held in 2016.

9. Reaffirms the importance of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) as the Inter-American instrument to evaluate drug control policies in the Hemisphere; recognizes the methodology introduced in the Sixth Evaluation Round of this mechanism in order to measure the progress of the member states in reaching the objectives of the Hemispheric Drug Strategy of 2010, in accordance with the actions agreed upon in the Plan of Action 2011-2015; and thanks the work of the General Coordinators of the Governmental Expert Group (GEG) for the MEM’s Sixth Round, the Experts that make up the GEG and the MEM Section of CICAD for the intense task undertaken. In this vein, welcomes the future accomplishment of the objectives of the GEG within the established timeframe and available resources.

10. Recognizes the opportunity to strengthen the evaluation process to measure the impact of the Hemispheric Drug Strategy and its Plan of Action, through, among others, the inclusion of indicators.

11. Invites member states to consider implementing within the legislative framework of each member state the recommendations of the Group of Experts for the Control of Money Laundering, bearing in mind, among others, the following course of action: strengthen the capacities of the authorities in charge of combatting money laundering and related crimes; improve the efficiency of international cooperation in the area of recovery of assets; develop and/or strengthen asset forfeiture systems, including asset investigation, the management of assets derived from crime and specialized units to address the issue; and advance in the study of methodological instruments that allow each country to develop its analysis of risk factors, in cooperation with specialized international organizations.

12. Notes discussions at CICAD 55 on the Special Session of the OAS General Assembly to be held September 19, 2014, in Guatemala, which will provide for a reflection on the world drug problem in the Americas within the international legal framework and instruct CICAD to provide inputs to said Special Session.

13. Takes note of the Conclusions of the Chair (CICAD/doc.2069/13) of the LIV regular session of CICAD, held in Bogota, Colombia 11-13 December 2013, together with
the Conclusions of the Chair (number pending), of the LV regular session of CICAD, held in Washington DC from 29 April –1 May, 2014.

14. Adopts the Work Plan of the CICAD Executive Secretariat for 2014, in accordance with the CICAD Statutes and in fulfillment of the Hemispheric Drug Strategy and the Plan of Action 2011-2015, and entrusts the Executive Secretariat to execute the corresponding actions and continue offering technical assistance to build capacities in member states, in accordance with this work plan.

15. Instructs the General Secretariat to continue offering the CICAD Executive Secretariat the necessary support and to encourage member states, permanent observers and other international donors to continue providing voluntary contributions to allow the Secretariat to continue executing its mandates.