Suggestions for establishing ports of entry/exit of controlled chemical substances

- **Participating countries**: Venezuela, Brazil, México, Bolivia, Peru, USA, Trinidad and Tobago, Panama, Chile, Costa Rica and Ecuador.
- **Coordinator**: Brazil.

1. **Introduction**:  
   Brazil has currently four ports of entry/exit of controlled chemicals substances. However, due to market expansion, pharmaceutical companies are no longer located in a specific region. This has led to the need to evaluate the granting of authorization of new points of entry/exit near these emerging pharmaceutical areas.

2. **Objective**:  
   Present aspects involving the evaluation to grant permission for a new point of entry/exit of controlled chemical substances.
3. **Aspects to take into account when approving a new point of entry/exit of controlled substances:**

As a result of the different experiences expressed by the delegates of participating countries that have points of entry/exit of controlled chemical substances, the following criteria have been chosen to serve as references when evaluating a potential new point of entry/exit of controlled substances:

I. **Infrastructure:**

Presence of access roads; properly signed and marked facilities; security; storage capacity; office space for the actors involved, such as:

- Customs: analytical and non-intrusive inspection teams and space for physical inspection.
- Police: security and surveillance equipment
- Competent Authorities
- Supervisory/Control Institutions

II. **Communication:**

The point of entry/exit of controlled chemical substances must allow access to technology, such as telephone, internet, databases, information exchange protocols, etc.

III. **Safety:**

Using safe procedures when handling and reviewing chemical substances and/or dangerous goods; establishing emergency protocols is also recommended.

IV. **Strategic location:**

It is important to take into account the location of the industrial region, the existence of access roads and the volume of demand for imports/exports in the area.