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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Thursday, 30th April 2015

THIRD PLENARY SESSION

09:00 **Question and Answer Session: Alternatives to Incarceration for Drug-Related Offenses: Presentation of the Technical Report and Next Steps (CICAD/doc.2170/15).**

09:30 **Asset Recovery Networks: The Importance of Adequate Information Exchange Regarding Asset Forfeiture (CICAD/doc.2174/15).**
Presenter: **Mauricio Fernández Montalbán**, Co-coordinator of the Asset Recovery Network (RRAG) of the Financial Action Task Force of Latin America (GAFILAT).

Objective: To promote timely and secure informal information exchange among OAS Member States on individuals, corporations and assets to facilitate illicit asset recovery.

10:30 **Panel 2: New Psychoactive Substances –A Growing Challenge in the Americas (NPS).**

Panelists:

- **Javier Andrés Flórez Henao**, Deputy Minister of Criminal Policy and Restorative Justice (a.i), Director of Drug Policy and Related Activities, Colombia (CICAD/doc.2185/15).
- **Julio Cesar Ayala**, Minister, Alternate Representative of Argentina to the OAS.

Moderator: **Justice Tettey**, Chief Laboratory and Scientific Section, Research and Trend Analysis Branch, UNODC.

Objective: To present an overview of the trafficking, production and consumption of new psychoactive substances at the global level, including presentations focused on the situation in the Americas. This session will hopefully contribute to the development of more updated information on these

substances in Member States, which will play an important role in decision-making and implementation of important policies and programs on this issue.

11:30

Break

11:45

Presentation of results of the Side-Event with Civil Society

Presenter: **Raquel Barros**, Executive Secretary, American Network for Intervention in Situations of Social Suffering, RAISSS.

12:00

Training and certification of human resources for the treatment of drug abuse and dependency: Advances and challenges.

- **Evaluation of the Training and Certification Program for Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention (PROCCER) in Costa Rica and El Salvador.**
Presenter: **Georgia T. Karuntzos**, RTI International, Vice President of the Behavioral Health Research Division.
- **Specialized training for drug treatment providers working with high risk adolescents in the Caribbean.**
Presenter: **Esther Best**, National Drug Council, Trinidad and Tobago
- **Toxic Adulterants added to Drugs of Abuse and their Implications for Child and Adolescent Drug Use in the Hemisphere (CICAD/doc.2167/15).**
Presenter: **Thomas M. Browne**, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), U.S. Department of State.

Moderator: **Alexandra Hill**, Chief, Demand Reduction Section, SE/CICAD

Objectives: 1)Present the results of the Evaluation of the PROCCER Program carried out in two Central American countries, as a hemispheric model for training and certification of human resources that provide treatment and rehabilitation services for persons affected by drug use and related violence. 2) Highlight the experience of the specialized training to address current drug use related problems of high-risk adolescents in the Caribbean. 3) Inform Member States about the public health implications and threats related to drug adulterants throughout the hemisphere and world.

13:30

LUNCH

FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

14:30

Prevention of Social Ills as a Means to Address the World Drug Problem

Presenter: **Isaac Morales**, Assistant General Director for Development Challenges, External Affairs Secretary, Mexico.

Objective: To discuss the advantages of strengthening actions to address the drug problem, taking into account the most visible social consequences caused by this phenomenon in the hemisphere. Particularly, by addressing violence, the breakdown of the social fabric, exclusion and the lack of conditions for the integral development of the individual in social environments affected by the drug chain.

15:00

“Medical Marijuana: Highs, Hypes and Hopes”

Presenter: **Ruben Baler**, Health Scientist with the Science Policy Branch, National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) (CICAD/doc.2176/15).

Objective: To provide a review of the best science available for the use of medical marijuana. The presenter will address the latest scientific evidence for the use marijuana and other cannabinoids for medical purposes, which ailments are most likely aided and the strengths and limitations of this type of intervention.

16:00

Panel 3: Use of Evidence in Designing Regulated Systems

Panelists:

- **Beau Kilmer**, Co-Director, RAND Drug Policy Research Center
- **Augusto Vitale**, Institute for Regulation and Control of Cannabis representing the National Drug Secretariat, Presidency of the Republic, Uruguay.
- **Manuel Mondragón y Kalb**, National Commissioner against Addictions (CONADIC), Mexico.

Moderator: **Vitore André Zílio Maximiano**, Secretary of National Drug Policy, Brazil (SENAD), Brazil.

Objective: The effects of regulation, from the economic, legal and especially the public health points of view, were discussed during CICAD 56. Different market scenarios currently being implemented for various substances were presented. The discussion of this topic is still ongoing in several countries. In this session, the need of data generation and use in policy and regulatory framework design will be highlighted.

17:30

Plan of Action 2016-2020 of the Hemispheric Drug Strategy

Presenter: **Juan Pablo Ríos**, Chair of the Working Group, Ministry of the Interior, Guatemala (CICAD/doc.2184/15).

Objective: Present the results of First Meeting of the Working Group to prepare the Plan of Action 2016-2020, and timeline for 2015.

18:00

Close of Fourth Session