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Esteemed Commissioners:

CICAD 56 approved the formation of the Working Group to draft the Plan of Action 2016 – 2020 of the Hemispheric Drug Strategy, in line with the mandate contained in the Guatemala Resolution of September 19, 2014, “requesting CICAD to draft the Plan of Action 2016 – 2020, focusing on scientific evidence, experiences and impact indicators provided by the member states regarding the causes of the world drug problem and the new challenges emerging in the region, and taking into account the contributions made by the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism and the progress achieved by the specialized organizations as well as by other relevant sectors.”

Pleased to inform that during April 27 and 28, 2015, in Washington, D.C., the first meeting of the aforementioned Working Group reached the following agreements:

1. The structure of the Plan will contain an introduction which will capture the vision of the Plan, its contextualization, an account of the results of the existing Plan of Action reached up to December 2014 and an outline of principles of the regional policy on drugs, and will be based on the five areas within the Hemispheric Strategy, develop possible cross-cutting issues, taking into account the Declaration of Antigua, Resolution of Guatemala, and other relevant OAS resolutions.
2. Discussions and agreements on cross-cutting issues, objectives, actions and indicators of the Plan, will be held in the upcoming meeting of the Working Group.
3. The Working Group discussed the importance of receiving the views of specialized regional organizations and civil society, in accordance with the Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities, in regards to current Plan of Action (2011-2015) so that these can be considered by the member states in drafting the new Plan. The request for input will take place in May electronically.

The Chair proposes that inputs from civil society and the specialized regional organizations will be conveyed to member states in advance of the next meeting and presented at the Working Group meeting in September.

Washington, D.C, May 1, 2015