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BACKGROUND

- GELAVEX was created in 1990 in accordance with article 22 of the Statute of CICAD and is, therefore, one of the advisory bodies of CICAD
- GELAVEX is formed by two Sub-Working Groups:
 - the Sub-Working Group on International Cooperation and Forfeiture; and
 - the Sub-Working Group on Financial Intelligence Units (FIU) and Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA)
- Its activities are determined by strategic plans that define lines of action and by work plans that define concrete actions to be developed in accordance with the previously defined lines of action
- The Strategic Plan Proposal for the 2015-2017 period, that corresponds to Annex X of the Final Report of the XXXII Meeting of GELAVEX (CICAD/LAVEX/doc.17/11), was approved at the fifty-sixth regular session of CICAD (CICAD/doc.2162/14) and, therefore, serves as a guideline for the future activities of the group from 2015-2017.



XLI GELAVEX Meeting:

- 53 participants:
 - ✓ **8 Member States:** Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela, the United States and Uruguay;
 - ✓ **1 Permanent Observer:** Spain;
 - ✓ **5 International Organizations:** GAFILAT, CFATF, UNODC, World Bank StAR Initiative, CARICOM-IMPACS;
- Uruguay successfully finished its period as president (2014-2015);
- As approved at CICAD-56, Peru held the presidency and Dominican Republic the vice-presidency.



DECISIONS

- i. To welcome the Activity Report for 2014-2015 of the Anti-Money Laundering Section of ES/CICAD (CICAD/LAVEX/doc.18/15);
- ii. To approve the “Analysis on the rights of victims and bona fide third parties regarding forfeiture processes for assets of illicit origin” document (CICAD/LAVEX/ doc.16/15) and agree on the preparation of a complementary analysis on the topic, to be carried out by the Delegations of Brazil and Chile and presented at the XLIII GELAVEX meeting.
- iii. To approve the “Analysis of the applicability and effectiveness of modern judicial instruments for the disposal of seized and forfeited assets” (CICAD/LAVEX/doc.9/15);
- iv. To approve the “Proposal of the ES/CICAD for the creation of an ad-hoc working group for the development of guidelines for asset recovery (GAH-REACT)” (CICAD/LAVEX/doc.20/15) developed under the framework of the REACT Program.
- v. To approve the “Asset Investigation Guide” (CICAD/LAVEX/ doc.6/15)



vi. To approve the program proposal on “Open Sources of Information as a Tool in the Development of Asset Investigations” (CICAD/LAVEX/doc.3/15), as a complementary work on asset investigation that will be led by the delegations of Peru and Bolivia, with the support of the ES/CICAD and the World Bank StAR initiative;

vii. To approve the “Recommendations and considerations for the Security and Integrity of officials responsible for combatting money laundering and its related crimes” (CICAD/LAVEX/ doc.8/15);



viii. To approve the Work Plan 2014-2015 for the Sub-Working Groups ([CICAD/LAVEX/doc.22/15](#)) and ([CICAD/LAVEX/doc.23/15](#)):

Sub-Working Group on International Cooperation and Forfeiture:

- 1. Administration of complex assets.
- 2. Promotion of the development of effective forfeiture laws and their effective implementation in Member States.

Sub-Working Group on FIUs and LEAs:

- Study on Special Investigative Techniques, specifically on their use within the financial economic system.
- Study on risk analysis associated with ML/TF that would allow for the standardization of concepts regarding risk according to the FTAF recommendations.



RECOMMENDATIONS TO CICAD

- To approve the final report of GELAVEX;
- To approve the “Analysis on the rights of victims and bona fide third parties regarding forfeiture processes for assets of illicit origin”;
- To approve the “Analysis of the applicability and effectiveness of modern judicial instruments for the disposal of seized and forfeited assets”;
- To approve the “Asset Investigation Guide” ;
- To approve the program proposal on “Open Sources of Information as a Tool in the Development of Asset Investigations”;



RECOMMENDATIONS TO CICAD

- To approve the “Recommendations and considerations for the Security and Integrity of officials responsible for combatting money laundering and its related crimes”;
- To approve the Work Plan **2015-2016**;
- To approve the candidacies of the **Dominican Republic and Trinidad & Tobago** to the Presidency and Vice Presidency, respectively, for the period **2016-2017**.