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**XLII GROUP OF EXPERTS FOR THE CONTROL OF MONEY LAUNDERING
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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Working Group:

Group of Experts for the Control of Money Laundering (LAVEX)
Sub-Working Group on Forfeiture and International Cooperation, and Sub-Working Group on Financial Intelligence Units and Law Enforcement Agencies

Source of the Terms of Reference:

Secretariat for Multidimensional Security (SMS)

Organization:

Organization of the American States (OAS)

According to:

- The recommendations of the Group of Experts in its meeting on October 1-2, 2015 in Lima, Peru (LAVEX XLI); and
- The Working Plan approved.

Considering that:

- As working basis for the Group of Experts for the Control of Money Laundering (GELAVEX), the areas of action identified by the GELAVEX at its XXIV plenary session held in Santiago, Chile November 7-9, 2007, are as follows: forfeiture, *In-Rem* forfeiture, Asset Recovery Agencies, coordination and integration between Financial Intelligence Units (FIU) and Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA), and terrorism financing;
- GELAVEX will hold two annual meetings; one during the first half of the year exclusively for the Sub Working Groups and another during the latter half of the year which will feature a plenary session as well as an additional meeting for the Sub Working Groups;

- The Plenary of the Group of Experts recommended in its meeting held in Montevideo, Uruguay, September 25-26, 2014 (LAVEX XXXIX) the approval of the lines of action proposed for a new GELAVEX's Strategic Plan for 2015-2017. This proposal was approved;
- According to the Working Plan 2015-2016 approved, the International Cooperation and Forfeiture Subgroup will work on the following lines of action: a) administration of complex assets; and b) promotion of the development of effective forfeiture laws and their effective implementation in Member States. Also according to the Working Plan, the Sub-Working Group of Financial Intelligence Units and Law Enforcement Agencies will: a) develop a study on Special Investigative Techniques; and b) develop a study on risk analysis associated with ML/TF that would allow for the standardization of concepts regarding risks according to the FTAf recommendations.

Profile of the delegates to the Group of Experts:

1. Be a representative of an OAS Member State.
2. Desirable qualifications of the delegates: experts in criminal law, international cooperation, asset administration agencies and/or financial intelligence.
3. The following countries, international organizations and/or entities participate as observers: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Global Program for Money Laundering (GPML/UN), Council of Europe, Spain, Financial Action Task Force (FATF), Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF), Financial Action Task Force of South America (GAFISUD), Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE – OAS), Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), The World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Egmont Group.

In order to keep the work continuity of the Group of Experts Meeting for the Control of Money Laundering (GELAVEX), the Technical Secretariat kindly requests, if possible, that countries participating in subgroups preserve the delegates who have attended previous meetings. Consecutively, for better results at the working sessions, the Executive Secretariat suggests to those countries participating in more than one subgroup, according to its possibilities, designate an expert for each subgroup.

Structure and Working Methodology:

The Technical Secretariat for Multidimensional Security will provide administrative and professional support in the design and development of the final report and other documents, as well as to facilitate the subgroups discussions providing technical support as requested. Once they are agreed upon, these documents will be submitted to Member States for their review and comments in the following 30 days. By the end of the mentioned deadline the Secretary will circulate within 15 days the final document.

Financial Support:

Financial assistance to the delegates to attend the event may be provided under exceptional circumstances and based upon the existence of funds for this purpose. Those delegations that would like to request financial assistance should do so expressly and not presume that funds will be provided automatically by the Technical Secretariat.