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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES  
(draft)

Monday, June 21

08:30 – 09:00 Registration
09:00 – 09:30 Opening Remarks
09:30 – 10:00 Introduction and Review
  • Background
  • Objectives and CICAD Commission expectations
  • Schedule of work
  • Proposed work methodology
10:00 – 10:45 Summary of replies to maritime narcotrafficking study questionnaire
10:45 – 11:00 Break
11:00 – 12:30 Review of tasks assigned
  • Review and prioritize recommendations into short, medium and long term
  • Prepare plan of action
12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
14:00 – 17:30 Plan of action (cont.)

Initiate action on the following priority recommendations:
Tuesday, June 22

09:00 – 10:45  Develop a standardized threat/risk assessment matrix for countries to use in evaluating vulnerabilities and gaps in port security, coastal areas, and maritime approaches.

10:45 – 11:00  Break

11:00 – 12:30  Threat/risk assessment matrix (cont.)

12:30 – 14:00  Lunch

14:00 – 15:45  Threat/risk assessment matrix (cont.)

15:45 – 16:00  Break

16:00 – 17:30  Threat/risk assessment matrix (cont.)

Wednesday, June 23

09:00 – 10:45  Create a Model Maritime Control Legislation (or a set of laws and regulations) that countries can use to review and update their laws and regulations to ensure adequate maritime jurisdiction and security.

10:45 – 11:00  Break

11:00 – 12:30  Maritime Control Legislation (cont.)

12:30 – 14:00  Lunch

14:00 – 15:45  Develop Model Operating Procedures Manual for joint and combined bilateral or regional interdiction operations

15:45 – 16:00  Break

16:00 – 17:30  Model Operating Procedures Manual (cont.)
Thursday, June 24

09:00 – 10:45 Examine and evaluate current data collection systems used in ports and prepare a reference guide for use of member states in developing or upgrading their national systems

10:45 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:30 Data collection systems reference guide (cont.)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:45 Develop a reference guide of best practices regarding the methods for the exchange of counterdrug intelligence and information applied to port security programs

15:45 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:30 Guide of best practices on intelligence/information exchange (cont.)

Friday, June 25

09:00 – 10:45 Identification of potential issues of concern and priorities regarding port security, maritime cooperation and other matters related to the control of maritime narcotrafficking for consideration by the Working Group

10:45 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:30 Conclusions, commitments and recommendations for action by the Working Group

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:45 Plan of Action

15:45 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:00 Plan of Action

17:00 – Closing
REPORT ON THE PREPARATION OF THE MEETING OF THE CICAD GROUP OF EXPERTS ON MARITIME NARCOTRAFFICKING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
PRESENTED BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS

At the Thirty-fourth Regular Session of the Inter-American Commission Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) held in November 2003 in Montreal, Canada, the Commission approved the creation of a Group of Experts on Maritime Control Issues, agreeing that the Republic of Honduras would coordinate it at the venue of the first meeting, and that it would be of an inter-American technical nature with a view to identifying the mechanisms required in order to boost hemispheric cooperation in suppressing drug trafficking by sea.

CICAD’s mandate states that the experts in this group must develop fourteen (14) topics (CICAD /doc.1267/03). However, due to the extent and complexity of some of them, the Executive Secretariat of CICAD has prioritized the following five topics to be dealt with during the first meeting:

1. Create a risk/threat evaluation matrix that can be used by countries for assessing vulnerabilities and shortcomings regarding port security, coastal zones and shipping methods.

2. Create Model Legislation for Maritime Control (or a set of laws and by-laws) that countries can use to examine and update existing laws and by-laws to guarantee adequate maritime jurisdiction and security.

3. Prepare a Model Manual of Operating Procedures to exercise bilateral or regional joint and combined procedures on bans, whose laws and by-laws would enable them to undertake those exercises, taking into account the jurisdictional restrictions and national legal systems of the parties involved when bilateral or regional agreements or arrangements are reached for those exercises.

4. Examine and evaluate the existing data gathering systems used in ports and prepare a reference guide to be used by Member States to develop or enhance their national systems.

5. Prepare a reference guide of best practices on methods for exchanging anti-drug intelligence and information used for port security programs.

As a starting point for treatment of the topics, knowledge of the criminal activity of maritime drug trafficking and identification of opportunities for international cooperation, this first meeting will take the questionnaire prepared by CICAD which has already been circulated among the Member States, and to which sixteen (16) countries had replied up to October 1, 2003, and on which a summary has been drawn up. It will also take the report prepared by the Ad Hoc Group and presented at the meeting of the Commission held in Montreal and any proposals presented by the Member States during the meeting.
It is hoped that the Member States will be represented at the meeting to be held in Tegucigalpa, Republic of Honduras, from June 21 to 25, 2004.

The information bulletin, program and agenda proposed for the meeting will be circulated soon through the Executive Secretariat of CICAD.