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The CICAD Ad-hoc Group on Transnational Organized Crime presents for consideration of the Commission the following plan of action, which is the product of the discussions of its first meeting, March 15-17, 2004:

a) **The concept of transnational organized crime**

The Member States attending the meeting indicated that there is no common concept of transnational organized crime that has been adopted in a Hemispheric instrument. The Palermo Convention and its additional Protocols provide a frame of reference on this topic. To date, fifteen member states of the Organization of American States are party to the Palermo Convention and many are in the process of ratification.

Action to be undertaken: The OAS member states should consider as a priority the adoption or ratification of the Palermo Convention and its three additional Protocols as a means toward developing a frame of reference for this subject.

b) **The OAS addresses different aspects of transnational organized crime**

Several agencies and entities of the OAS¹ address different aspects of transnational organized crime. This handling requires a joint vision to integrate efforts to combat transnational organized crime.

¹ For example, CICAD, CICTE, CIM and the Consultative Committee of CIFTA.

Action to be undertaken: The subject of “the fight against transnational organized crime” could be included in the Hemispheric agenda through an OAS General Assembly resolution. This resolution should reflect the continuing efforts of each of the areas of the OAS that deals with the various aspects of the phenomenon within the framework of their respective fields of expertise with the objective of consolidating a joint vision of the ongoing efforts and promoting better coordination and cooperation in those efforts. The follow up and fulfillment of this Resolution could be assigned to the Committee on Hemispheric Security, taking into account the Declaration on Security in the Americas².

- c) **CICAD has been working for more than a decade on diverse manifestations of transnational organized crime linked to the issue of drugs and its relation to drug trafficking**

CICAD addresses a series of crimes that relate to transnational organized crime activities within the terms of the Palermo Convention. The trafficking of arms and explosives, money laundering, trafficking of precursors and controlled chemical substances are crimes related to drug trafficking that have been addressed by CICAD for over a decade.

Action to be undertaken: CICAD should intensify its work in the struggle against illicit drug trafficking and related crimes linked to transnational organized crime. To this end it should develop actions for cooperation at the Hemispheric level within the framework of the provisions of the Palermo Convention.

- d) **CICAD will contribute to international cooperation against the illicit trafficking of drugs and related crimes linked with transnational organized crime**
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Actions to be undertaken:

1. Through expert and working groups already in existence, review CICAD's existing model regulations and other initiatives in order to consider the relevancy of incorporating aspects related to transnational organized crime.

2. Request that the Executive Secretariat of CICAD carry out a study examining the relevancy of developing model regulations on transnational organized crime that take into account the following:
 - a) The results of the Conference of the States Party to the Palermo Convention, June 2004;
 - b) The responses to indicators 85 and 86 of MEM on transnational organized crime
 - c) Other initiatives related to this subject.
 - d) The available comments of the expert and working groups.

3. CICAD in collaboration with the Secretariat responsible for implementation of the Palermo Convention may hold workshops or seminars for the future implementation of the Convention, with respect to illicit drug trafficking and related crimes associated with transnational organized crime.

² This appeared as a recommendation under item no. 43 of the Declaration.