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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on the annual report of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CP/doc.---/04);

REAFFIRMING its commitment to the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) as an objective means of measuring member states' progress in the area of drug control and of increasing hemispheric solidarity and cooperation;

NOTING the approval by CICAD at its thirty-fifth regular session of the hemispheric report and thirty-three national reports on implementation of recommendations from the second evaluation round of the MEM;

CONCERNED that more progress is needed in combatting drug trafficking and related crimes such as money laundering, illicit trafficking in arms, the diversion of precursor chemicals, and transnational organized crime in general;

PROFOUNDLY CONCERNED over the emergence of armed groups and social movements connected with illicit cultivation in some countries that may destabilize the institutional order and governability;

AWARE that drug use and abuse constitute a significant public health problem throughout the hemisphere, the dimensions of which are as yet poorly understood; and

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION that CICAD has strengthened its cooperation and exchange of information with the Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (CICTE), the Consultative Committee established under the Inter-American Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms Ammunition, Explosives and Other Related Materials (CIFTA), the Inter-American Committee on Ports, the Working Group on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, and other pertinent organs of the inter-American system,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) for presenting its annual report for 2003 (CP/doc.xxxx/04).
2. To note with satisfaction the holding of the Intergovernmental Working Group (IWG) meeting on the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) in Panama in March 2003 and the agreements reached, which employ the dynamic and strengthening process of the mechanism itself that were subsequently approved by the Commission at its thirty-third regular session.

3. To congratulate CICAD on holding a training seminar for the National Coordinating Entities (NCE's) for the third evaluation round, which was held in Washington D.C. in October 2003, which acknowledged the important role that the NCEs perform in coordinating and processing of information in the MEM process.
4. To applaud the progress achieved in the process of drafting of the national and hemispheric follow-up reports on the implementation of the recommendations formulated in the second evaluation round, as a significant advance in the consolidation of the MEM.
5. To urge member states:
 - a. to renew the commitment they showed in the first and second evaluation rounds of the MEM, and continue to participate in an active, full and timely manner in the third round, in particular, in forwarding their responses to the questionnaire and assuring the presence of their experts in the various stages of the process;
 - b. to increase their financial contributions to CICAD to enable it to augment its support to the member states in their efforts to comply with MEM recommendations, and also to urge the Permanent Observers and the international financial institutions to continue to contribute to CICAD activities for the same purpose;
 - c. to incorporate, as appropriate, into their respective national laws the CICAD Model Regulations for the Control of the International Movement of Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition, including the amendments adopted at the thirty-fourth regular session of CICAD, updating the model regulations and introducing controls over firearms brokers;
 - d. to strengthen cross-border cooperation, in particular the exchange of experiences on topics related to drug control;
 - e. to enhance international cooperation and coordination through implementation of the recommendations of the CICAD Expert Group on Maritime Cooperation, and in particular, to enter into bilateral and regional agreements, and other arrangements to suppress illicit trafficking by sea and eliminate safe havens used by smugglers;
 - f. to incorporate, as appropriate, into national law the provisions of CICAD's Model Regulations to Control Money Laundering, including those adopted at the thirty-fourth regular session of the Commission, and in particular, those referring to measures related to the financing of terrorism, and to improve the effectiveness of asset forfeiture regimes and international cooperation in this regard;

- g. to endeavor to support alternative development projects being carried out in member states affected by the presence of illicit crops, as well as those that are particularly vulnerable to the appearance of such crops;
 - h. to continue to strengthen the various aspects of their national drug control systems, including national drug commissions, national drug plans and strategies, and in general the legal and regulatory framework in accordance with the current characteristics of the problem in each country, among other elements; and
 - i. if they have not already done so, to sign and ratify the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime and its three Protocols, as well as the United Nations Convention Against Corruption, the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption, the Inter-American Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and other Related Materials and the Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters.
5. To instruct the Executive Secretariat of CICAD:
- a. to continue to provide assistance to those member states that request it to enable them to comply with the recommendations that flow from the application of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism;
 - b. to make a special effort to set priorities for the programs carried out by CICAD in all areas, in accordance with the needs of member states, and that it explore new technologies and other measures to reduce costs with a view to adjusting to the current financial problems of the Organization;
 - c. to promote adoption of CICAD's Model Regulations for the Control of International Movements of Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition, especially those provisions concerning firearms brokers that were adopted at the thirty-fourth regular session of CICAD, and to advance in the implementation of the Small Arms and Light Weapons Administration System (SALSA) program as an instrument to improve the application of the controls set out in the Model Regulations as well as those of the Inter-American Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and other Related Materials (CIFTA);
 - d. to continue to work with prosecutors, police, judges and other officials of the judicial sector through training programs, technical assistance and other activities such as mock trials which focus on criminal procedure and legislation in order to facilitate criminal proceedings against money laundering;
 - e. to continue to make efforts to provide technical and financial assistance to member states, with the goal of consolidating the different aspects of institutional and legal strengthening in the field of drug control;

- f. to continue to promote the creation and strengthening of National Drug Observatories, or national information and research systems on drugs, which are fundamental tools for the strategic planning of national drug policies;
- g. through the Inter-American Observatory on Drugs, to support the member states in the development and maintenance of uniform data collection systems on the problem of drug use at the national level, in order to be able to measure the problem and follow-up on new trends in drug abuse;
- h. to help member states strengthen control measures to prevent the diversion of pharmaceutical products, controlled chemical substances and illicitly-produced synthetic drugs, and improve the exchange of information on matters related to the application of control measures, in accordance with the plans of action of the Expert Groups on Chemical Substances and on Pharmaceutical Products, as approved at the thirty-fourth regular session of the Commission;
- i. to continue, where appropriate, to provide technical and financial assistance for the execution of alternative development programs both in those states affected by illicit crop production as well as in those that are vulnerable to the appearance of those crops;
- j. to assist member states to strengthen financial controls, by establishing and implementing Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs), and by training judges and prosecutors and financial sector personnel;
- k. by means of technical assistance and training, to support member states' efforts to strengthen their capabilities in the areas of maritime drug trafficking control and port security, in accordance with the recommendations of the CICAD Expert Group on Maritime Drug Trafficking;
- l. to continue to monitor emerging trends in illicit drugs, in particular, synthetic drugs such as methamphetamines, and to help member states develop programs to address these trends through a multisectoral approach;
- m. to take advantage of the experiences of the Andean Community Regional Counter-drug Intelligence School (ERCAIAD), and increase the participation by officials from other countries of the hemisphere and explore opportunities of applying these experiences in other subregions;
- n. to complete the program with the pilot countries to develop methodologies for estimating the human, social and economic costs of drugs in the hemisphere, and promote the use of the proposed methodology in other member states;

- o. to support the work of the Groups of Experts dedicated to advancing the following thematic areas: control of firearms, pharmaceutical products, chemical substances and money laundering, and demand reduction, so that they may improve and facilitate cooperation and coordination and information exchange among member states in these areas;
- p. to strengthen cooperation and information exchange among the various inter-American Commissions and mechanisms, in particular, the Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (CICTE), the Consultative Committee established under the Inter-American Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms Ammunition, Explosives and Other Related Materials (CIFTA), the Inter-American Committee on Ports, the Working Group on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, and other pertinent organs of the inter-American system; and
- q. to continue to support the development and expansion of the International M.A. on-line in Addictions Studies, and that it attempt to involve new universities in offering the program.

