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- The 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
- The GELAVEX is currently 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 was approved at the fifty-sixth regular session of CICAD and, therefore, serves as a guideline for the future activities of the group between 2015 and 2017.



- 37 participants:
  - ✓ **16 Member States:** Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, United States, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela
  - ✓ **2 International Organizations:** GAFILAT and CFATF
- Peru successfully finished its period as president (2015-2016)
- As approved at CICAD-58, Dominican Republic held the Presidency
- As approved at CICAD-59, Paraguay held the Vice Presidency

- Approve the **Activities Report** 2015-2016 of the Anti-Money Laundering Area ([DTOC/LAVEX/doc.6/16.](#))
- Thank the presentations of the Delegations of the United States ([DTOC/LAVEX/doc.7/16](#)), Mexico ([DTOC/LAVEX/doc.19/16](#)), and Honduras ([DTOC/LAVEX/doc.15/16](#)) in the panel on **identifying, preserving, and disposing of complex criminal assets**
- Thank the presentation on **training and professional development for administrators of seized and forfeited assets**, delivered by the Delegation of Mexico ([DTOC/LAVEX/doc.14/16](#))
- Approve the **report on the management of complex assets: challenges and solutions** ([DTOC/LAVEX/doc.5/16](#))
- Approve the **regional assessment on the status of the implementation of forfeiture laws** in OAS Member States ([DTOC/LAVEX/doc.12/16](#))



- Approve the **study on the analysis of risks associated with money laundering and terrorist financing** ([DTCO/LAVEX/doc.3/16](#))
- Thank the presentation on the **new structure of the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security**, which reaffirms the crucial role of the GELAVEX as an advisor to the OAS Member States, through the CICAD, on matters of prevention, control, and punishment of the laundering of assets derived from drug trafficking, related crimes, and activities linked to transnational organized crime ([DTCO/LAVEX/doc.13/16](#))
- Thank the presentation on the **importance of interagency coordination and efficient international cooperation for purposes of forfeiture**, delivered by the Delegation of Dominican Republic ([DTCO/LAVEX/doc.18/16](#))
- Approve the **complementary study on the rights of victims and bona-fide third parties** ([DTCO/LAVEX/10/16](#))
- Approve the report on the project **open sources of information as a tool in the development of ML/TF investigations**, presented by the Delegations of Peru and Bolivia ([DTCO/LAVEX/doc.23/16](#)), and approve the launch of the tool “GELAVEX Virtual Campus”, which constitutes one of the elements of the project;
- Approve the study on **special investigative techniques** ([DDOT/LAVEX/doc.4/16](#))



- Approve the Work Plan 2014-2015 for the Sub-Working Groups ([DTOC/LAVEX/21/16](#)) and ([DTOC/LAVEX/doc.22/15](#))

### Sub-Working Group on International Cooperation and Forfeiture:

- Study of **best practices** for coordinating among administrative and judicial authorities and specialized offices in the administration of seized and forfeited assets
- Study on the OAS Member States' **training needs** on seized and forfeited asset management

### Sub-Working Group on FIUs and LEAs:

- Assessment on **expert reports** used by countries in money laundering cases
- Study on **new money laundering typologies**, specifically those relating to the use of virtual currency



- Approve the final report of the GELAVEX ([DTOC/LAVEX/doc. 29/16](#))
- Approve the report on the management of complex assets: challenges and solutions ([DTOC/LAVEX/doc.5/16](#))
- Approve the regional assessment on the status of the implementation of forfeiture laws in OAS Member States ([DTOC/LAVEX/doc.12/16](#))
- Approve the study on the analysis of risks associated with money laundering and terrorist financing ([DTOC/LAVEX/doc.3/16](#))
- Approve the complementary study on the rights of victims and bona-fide third parties ([DTOC/LAVEX/10/16](#))





- Approve the report on the project **open sources of information as a tool in the development of ML/TF investigations** ([DTOC/LAVEX/doc.23/16](#)) and the launch of the tool “GELAVEX Virtual Campus”, which constitutes one of the elements of the project;
- Approve the **Study on Special Investigative Techniques** ([DTOC/LAVEX/4/16](#));
- Approve the **Work Plan 2016-2017** for the Sub-Working Groups of the GELAVEX ([DTOC/LAVEX/21/16](#)) and ([DTOC/LAVEX/22/16](#)); and
- Approve the candidacies of the delegations of **Paraguay and Bolivia** to the Presidency and Vice Presidency, respectively, for the period **2016-2017**.



Thank you!