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Background:

The international flow of precursor chemicals presents challenges to OAS member states to control the diversion of precursor chemicals that can be used to manufacture illicit drugs, without affecting legitimate commerce.

OAS member states could better face these challenges if CICAD helps to provide tools to increase international cooperation on emerging trends in the illicit trafficking, use and diversion of precursor chemicals, as well as trafficking trends in precursor chemicals and synthetic drugs. The UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) offer several tools which include Precursors Incident Communications System (PICs) and Pre-Export Notification System (PEN on line).

At the 63rd Regular Session of CICAD held in Mexico City in April 25-27, 2018, a resolution to be considered by the OAS General Assembly was approved tasking CICAD Executive Secretariat to *“continue supporting the efforts of member states, including requesting CICAD to strengthen the cooperation mechanisms and exchange of good practices of chemical producing and recipient countries to control the diversion of precursor chemicals that can be used to manufacture illicit drugs, and in appropriate cases, in coordination with existing monitoring and notification procedures established by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, without affecting its trade and legitimate uses.”*

Recommendations of Working Group 2:

Convene one or more technical work groups / or consultants:

1. To review and update Model Regulations to:
 - Reflect new dynamics of synthetic drugs and NPS production;
 - Consider illicit trafficking and diversion of precursor chemicals used to manufacture those substances;
 - Review and consider the “catch all” provision implemented by the European Union.
2. Consult with OAS member states on their practices and challenges with the flow and importation of chemicals that could be used as precursor chemicals to manufacture illicit drugs.
3. Assess current national and international practices on chemical precursor control, identifying strengths and weaknesses.
4. Seek increasing cooperation and information sharing from source countries to identify current practices of monitoring and notification on shipments to OAS member states.

5. Identify and update existing mechanisms of exchange of information between member states and with non-OAS member states, for the monitoring of non-scheduled chemicals under the 1988 UN Convention that present problems for the region.
6. Identify the precursor chemicals that OAS member states schedule domestically, but not scheduled under the 1988 UN Convention, and notify CICAD, for the purpose of advising source countries of such substances in order for them to exchange relevant information to facilitate its surveillance.