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## OAS PROJECT EVALUATION COMMITTEE (CEP)

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## OAS Executive Order No. 05-11 rev. 1

In October 2005\* the Secretary General issued an Executive Order stating that

*"Is is necessary to have a body that evaluates the institutional appropriateness of programs and projects"*

*\* This executive order was revised in January 2006*



## What the CEP does

Assures that all projects carried out by the GS/OAS are

- Consistent with the priorities established by the Secretary General and the governing bodies of the OAS
- Relevant to the mission and purpose of the organization
- Coordinated among all relevant OAS departments and agencies



## Structure of the CEP

- The Secretariat of the CEP falls under the Department of Planning, Control, and Evaluation (DPCE), which is a dependency of the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Secretary General
  
- CEP MEMBERSHIP
  - Chief of Staff of SG
  - Representative from Office of ASG
  - Director of DPCE
  - Heads of Secretariats of Integral Development, Political Affairs, Multidimensional Security, Administration and Finance
  - Legal Advisor to the SG
  - Executive Secretary of IACHR



## How CEP Process Works

- OAS executing agency prepares a project profile
- Profile submitted for approval of Undersecretary of executing agency
- Project evaluated by a technical Working Group led by the DPCE and comprised of experts from the different areas of the OAS
- Project sent to full CEP for approval after Working Group clearance



## Basis for Project Evaluation

- Consistency and compliance with diverse Mandates, including but not limited to
  - GA/OAS resolutions
  - International Conventions
  - Charter of the Organization of American States
  - Inter-American Democratic Charter
- In the specific case of CICAD, MEM Recommendations and Commission decisions are considered as mandates used for evaluation



## Implications of the CEP for CICAD

- All CICAD projects require CEP approval
- CEP approval required to execute all project activities, including signature of MOUs and other contracts, and assignment of funds received by donors to CICAD accounts
- CICAD Executive Secretariat works closely with DPCE to refine our projects to be submitted and approved by the CEP
- Well-formulated projects are approved in a timely fashion



## Conclusions

- Process has encouraged the CICAD Executive Secretariat to
  - Develop more carefully thought-out project proposals
  - Coordinate activities with other OAS agencies, like CICTE and Public Security that fall under our Secretariat for Multidimensional Security (look for synergy; avoid duplication)
  - Give greater emphasis to the evaluation of results and impact of programs, especially those ongoing for several years
- All projects executed by the GS/OAS have to include a mechanism and/or indicators to evaluate results, and over a period of time overall impact