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- His Excellency **Jorge Faurie**, Minister of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Argentina
- Her Excellency **Patricia Bullrich**, Minister of Security of the Republic of Argentina
- Mr. **Roberto Moro**, Secretary of the Secretariat of Integral Drug Policies (SEDRONAR), representing the presidency of CICAD
- Mr. **Gustavo Cinosi**, Senior Special Advisor to the Secretary General of the OAS
- Dr. **Farah Urrutia**, Secretary for Multidimensional Security of the OAS
- Commissioners, Ambassadors, Chiefs of Delegation, Members of International Organizations, Members of Civil Society, Members of the Press, OAS Colleagues, Friends – Good morning and welcome to all!

It is a pleasure to be here in Buenos Aires, and I congratulate Argentina on chairing the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission during 2019. The presence of Foreign Minister Faurie and Minister of Security Bullrich is testament to the importance Argentina places on CICAD, and as Executive Secretary I am deeply appreciative. Many thanks also to Secretary Roberto Moro, a valued colleague with whom I have worked closely during my tenure and who chaired the successful 64th regular session of CICAD in Washington last November.

Thanks also to Senior Special Advisor Gustavo Cinosi, here representing OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro, and OAS Secretary for

Multidimensional Security Farah Urrutia for their presence, which is evidence of the import the OAS places on the drug issue.

I will present the CICAD Executive Secretariat's 2019 Work Plan on Friday, and Senior Special Advisor Cinosi will present a few highlights when he speaks this morning.

I thank the five countries that currently chair and vice chair CICAD's experts groups:

- The Experts Group on Demand Reduction: Chile chair, and Colombia vice chair.
- The Experts Group Maritime Narcotrafficking: The Bahamas chair.
- The Experts Group on Chemical Substances and Pharmaceutical Products: Argentina chair.
- The Experts Group on Alternative Development: Uruguay chair, and Peru vice chair.
- The Money Laundering Expert Group: Bolivia chair.

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Finally, thanks to my terrific Executive Secretariat staff. I count myself fortunate every day to work with such excellent colleagues.

I look forward to a dynamic regular session over the course of the next three days, and thank all panelists and presenters for their valuable contributions. Thank you for this time, Chair.