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Conclusions, commitments and recommendations

The Group of Experts on Maritime Narcotrafficking, during its meeting held in Nassau, The Bahamas, September 11-12, 2019:

1. Requests that, based upon the technical, investigative, and counterdrug maritime cooperation challenges in the region, the ES-CICAD continue to provide technical assistance and training to member states, based on international conventions and agreements on the issue, including UNGASS 2016, the CICAD Hemispheric Drug Strategy 2010 and its Hemispheric Plan of Action on Drugs 2016-2020;
2. Requests that such technical assistance and training is carried out in coordination with strategic partners that operate in the region, such as the Regional Security System (RSS), UNODC, and CARICOM IMPACS, among others, with the goal of maximizing available resources and avoiding duplication of efforts;
3. Requests that the ES-CICAD continue contributing to the development of a Maritime Security Strategy for the Caribbean, considering the strategies and good practices implemented by other regions; as well as urges member states to increase resources in the region, so they can effectively face existing challenges, and strengthen information-sharing;
4. Requests that the ES-CICAD continue to support and participate in the different national, regional and international fora related to countering maritime narcotrafficking in order to find synergies and coordinate efforts on this subject;
5. Requests that the ES-CICAD coordinate with the Colombian Navy and any other country/institution that wishes to share their maritime security strategies, or any other documents that may serve as an input for the development of a Maritime Security Strategy for the Caribbean; as well as requests that the ES-CICAD promote multilateral counterdrug operations such as "ORION" among OAS member states, including from the Caribbean Basin;
6. Acknowledges the importance of the analytical work/research undertaken by the Drug Trafficking Maritime Analysis Center (CIMCON, for its Spanish acronym), and requests the ES-CICAD to support their participation at international technical fora related to their mission, as well as to publish their information bulletins/ analysis about maritime narcotrafficking. CIMCON will continue sharing with the ES-CICAD updated analysis on the phenomena, which will enrich the training modules and technical assistance that is provided by the Supply Reduction Unit;



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7. Acknowledges the importance of the Agreement Concerning Co-operation in Suppressing Illicit Maritime and Air Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances in the Caribbean (San Jose Treaty, 2003) and requests the ES-CICAD to promote its ratification by OAS member states. As part of those efforts, the ES-CICAD will disseminate the agreement between participants, in different languages, and will publish it in its webpage, along with the manual developed by Costa Rica to support the signing and ratification of the Treaty;
8. Encourages the ES-CICAD to establish an archive of good practices and lessons learned about maritime counterdrug interdiction in the region;
9. Requests the ES-CICAD to create a data base of point of contacts from each member state for matters related to counterdrug maritime interdiction;
10. Calls on member states to identify specific needs for training, as well as any training opportunities that member states or other international partners may offer, and encourages coordination among states in order to maximize impact from such training opportunities;
11. Encourages member states to increase information exchange and strengthen existing operational procedures to counter maritime narcotrafficking;
12. Calls on member states to consider developing a methodology that allows to monitor the implementation of the recommendations made by the Group of Experts in each country, including the identification of individuals that are responsible for reporting progress;
13. Recommends that the Expert Group meet annually, or every two years, with the aim of sharing updated information, knowledge and good practices, as well as strengthening cooperation among agencies in charge of countering maritime narcotrafficking in the region.