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His Excellency  
Ambassador James F. Mack  
Executive Secretary  
Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission  
Organization of American States  
Washington D.C. 20006

Excellency:

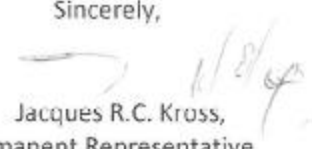
I have the honor to inform you of Suriname's candidacy for 2009 Vice President of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) and to request that this announcement be disseminated to the CICAD Commissioners. Suriname will stand for election at the 46<sup>th</sup> Session of CICAD.

In announcing our candidacy, Suriname affirms its' commitment to CICAD, a body we regard as pivotal for the hemispheric counter-drug strategy and as an important instrument for shared responsibility and cooperation.

We look forward to play a greater role in leadership and responsibility in hemispheric counter-drug initiatives and cooperation if elected 2009 Vice President of CICAD.

Please accept, Excellency, renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Jacques R.C. Kross,  
Permanent Representative

c.c.: Mrs. Teresa Chadwick  
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Estupefacientes de Chile" (CONACE)

Ambassador Alexandre Addor-Neto  
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Suriname to the Organization of American States presents its compliments to the Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) and has the honor to forward herewith the Biography of H.E. Mr. Chandrikapersad Santokhi, Minister of Justice and Police and Principle Delegate of the Republic of Suriname for CICAD.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Suriname avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) the assurances of its highest consideration.

Washington D.C., October 23, 2009

Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Drug Abuse  
Control Commission (CICAD)  
Organization of American States  
Washington D.C.



**BIOGRAPHY OF CHANDRIKAPERSAD SANTOKHI,  
MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND POLICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SURINAME**

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Chandrikapersad Santokhi was born on February 3, 1959 in district Suriname in the Republic of Suriname.

In 1978, at the age of 19, he enrolled in the Dutch Police Academy in Apeldoorn in the Netherlands. After graduating from the Police Academy in 1982 he joined the Surinamese Police Force, where he served in various positions, capacities and ranks with loyalty, integrity and dedication. During his 27 years of service, he participated in more than 100 regional and international conferences, meetings, training programs and events.

Mr. Santokhi, acts since 1995 as the Principal Representative of Suriname for CICAD and has participated in several CICAD meetings

In 2005 he left the Police Force to accept the post of Minister of Justice and Police of the Republic of Suriname. At the time of his departure from the Police Force, he was Head of the Judicial Department in the rank of Police Commissioner in charge of the coordination of international law enforcement cooperation.

At present, Mr. Santokhi holds the office of Minister of Justice and Police of the Republic of Suriname. His approach in formulating and implementing the policy within the Ministry of Justice and Police is based on the idea of chain management, which states that a chain is as strong as its weakest link. Therefore, all partners within the Judicial system are addressed and outfitted equally, making each link as strong as the other, so that Justice may be served optimally to all in a timely manner by the strong chain which is the Ministry of Justice and Police.

From 1997-2007 Mr. Santokhi was member of the Rotary Club Paramaribo. As Rotarian he was privileged to serve in various capacities within the organization. From 2005 -2006 he was elected as President of the Rotary Club Paramaribo.

Mr. Santokhi, is currently the Principal Representative of Suriname for CICAD.

Paramaribo, 7 October 2009