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MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY
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The member states of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission of the Organization of American States, meeting in Montevideo, Uruguay, on the occasion of the twenty-sixth regular session of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), and having approved the establishment of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism,

BEARING IN MIND that the Heads of State and Government, meeting at the Second Summit of the Americas, held in Santiago, Chile, in April 1998, agreed a Plan of Action which establishes that their governments will “continue to develop their national and multilateral efforts in order to achieve full application of the Hemispheric Anti-Drug Strategy, and will strengthen this alliance based on the principles of respect for the sovereignty and territorial jurisdiction of the States, reciprocity, shared responsibility and an integrated, balanced approach in conformity with their domestic laws”;

BEARING IN MIND ALSO that for purposes of strengthening mutual confidence, dialogue, and hemispheric cooperation, and on the basis of the aforementioned principles, the Plan of Action establishes the commitment to “develop, within the framework of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD-OAS), a singular and objective process of multilateral governmental evaluation in order to monitor the progress of their individual and collective efforts in the Hemisphere and of all the countries participating in the Summit, in dealing with the diverse manifestations of the problem”;

RECOGNIZING the importance of the Anti-Drug Strategy in the Hemisphere, approved in Buenos Aires at the twentieth regular session of CICAD, and signed in Montevideo in December 1996, as the framework of reference to guide inter-American cooperation in dealing with problems caused by the illicit use, production, trafficking, and distribution of drugs and related offences;
CONVINCED that multilateral cooperation is the means to ensure objective evaluation of states' efforts in dealing with the drug problem; and

AWARE of the value of progress made in strengthening hemispheric cooperation in promoting similar efforts made in other regions and within the framework of the United Nations,

1. Welcome with satisfaction the results of the work carried out by the Intergovernmental Working Group of CICAD responsible for designing the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism, as concluded in Ottawa, Canada in September 1999.

2. Express their decisive support for the implementation of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism, approved at the twenty-sixth regular session of CICAD.

3. Reaffirm the principles on which the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism is based, that is, respect for the sovereignty, territorial jurisdiction, and domestic law of the states, as well as reciprocity, shared responsibility, and an integrated, balanced approach in dealing with the issue; the Anti-Drug Strategy in the Hemisphere; and the international agreements and instruments in effect.

4. Decide that the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism will be applicable to all states, individually and collectively; that it will be governmental, singular and objective, with the participation of specialized representatives of the governments; that it will be transparent, impartial, and equitable so as to ensure objective evaluation; that it will ensure full, timely participation by the states, based on generally applied norms and procedures, established by mutual agreement in advance, in order to ensure an equitable evaluation process; that it will not contain sanctions of any nature; and that it will respect the confidentiality of deliberations and information administered by the states, in accordance with the norms and procedures established in advance.

5. Commit ourselves to support the successful conduct and completion of the first evaluation exercise in 2000, which is to be carried out by the Governmental Experts' Group, composed of representatives of the member states of the Organization of American States.
6. Request that the Executive Secretariat of CICAD provide the necessary support for the Governmental Experts' Group to ensure completion of the first evaluation exercise in December 2000, so that the results may be presented at the Summit of the Americas, to be held in Quebec City, Canada, in 2001.
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POR ANTÍGUAY BARBUDA:
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POR LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA:
FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:
PELOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DA AMÉRICA:
POUR LES ETATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE:
POR MEXICO:
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