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Counter-Terrorism Activities

CICTE IV Period of Sessions: Montevideo, Uruguay

Delegates to the fourth CICTE annual meeting in Montevideo, Uruguay, January 28-30, 2004 approved a political Declaration of Montevideo, a new CICTE Work Plan and amendments to the CICTE Statutes. Participants discussed sub-regional counter-terrorism strategies, maritime and port security, cyber-security, and enhancing inter-agency cooperation. Uruguay was elected as CICTE Chair for 2004, and Trinidad & Tobago Vice-Chair. The fifth annual meeting will be held in Trinidad & Tobago in 2005.

A complete set of the meeting documents can be found on the CICTE web page (www.cicte.oas.org) documents section.

Brazilian President Signs Disarmament Act

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva signed into law a measure known as the “disarmament act” – considered to be among the toughest laws controlling firearms in Latin America. This measure restricts the carrying of handguns in public to the police, the military, licensed security guards and hunters. It also raises the minimum age for obtaining a firearm. The legislation also calls for a national referendum in 2005 to allow voters the opportunity to place a ban on all handgun sales in Brazil.

Counter-Terrorism Meeting and Events

- 24-27 Feb FATF Plenary, Paris, France
- 25-27 Feb SecurePort 2004, OAS High Level Port Security Meeting, Miami, FL (www.secureport2004.com)
- 1 Mar APEC Senior Officials Meeting, Counter-Terrorism Task Force, Santiago, Chile
- 5-6 Mar Secure Trade in APEC Region (STAR II) Conference, Vina del Mar, Chile (www.apec.org)
- 11-12 March UN CTC Follow On Meeting hosted by OSCE and UN ODC, Vienna, Austria
- 16-19 March CITEL PCC-1 Meeting on Cyber Security, Quito, Ecuador
- 28-29 March CICTE Cyber-Security Experts Meeting, Ottawa, Canada

Recent Developments in the News

Under a pact between the United States and Liberia, U.S. Navy sailors may now board commercial ships in international waters to search for unconventional weapons as

reported in the February 14 edition of *nytimes.com*. The State Department announced that the U.S. will seek similar agreements with other nations but refrained from identifying the nations by individual name.

A memorandum on January 8, by *The Ford Foundation*, stated that a counter signature from recipients was now required to ensure that grantees “will not promote or engage in violence, terrorism, bigotry or the destruction of any state, nor will it make sub-grants to any entity that engages in these activities.” These changes occurred in response to heightened concerns among the public and policy makers about violence, terrorism, and bigotry and the possible misuse of philanthropic money for these purposes.

The New York Times (January 10) reported that Colombian agents, working with American intelligence operatives, tracked a top Colombian guerrilla commander for months before he was arrested in Quito, Ecuador. The article cites the use of U.S. intelligence in the monitoring of radio transmissions and phone conversations as well as the use of U.S. aircraft for surveillance purposes.

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) released a global blueprint for the integration of biometric identification information into passports and other Machine Readable Travel Documents (MRTDs) in a report on “Biometric Identification to Provide Enhanced Security and Speedier Border Clearance for Traveling Public”. In his announcement of the blueprint, Dr. Assad Kotaite, President of the Council of ICAO, encouraged all ICAO Member States to “cooperate fully in the implementation of this global identification framework” as it can “significantly enhance public confidence in air travel security.”

New Documents on OLAT

- El Terrorismo en el Peru (Spanish Version)
- Organized and Serious Crime Ordinance, Hong Kong (English Version)
- Drug Trafficking (Recovery of Proceeds) Ordinance, Hong Kong (English Version)
- Small Arms Executive Summary (English Version)
- Harmonizing Laws for the Prevention of Illicit Firearms Transfer, *Viva Rios* working paper (English Version)
- ISPS Guía de Entendimiento e implementación (Spanish Version)
- ISPS Guide to Understanding and Implementation (English Version)
- Canada Legislation and Regulations Used in Combating Terrorism (English Version)
- What Keeps Port Security Directors Up at Night (English Version)