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Counter-Terrorism Activities

Second UN CTC Follow Up Meeting for Regional and International Organizations Condemns Madrid Bombings

The CICTE Secretariat attended the Second CTC Follow up meeting in Vienna, Austria 11-12 March. CICTE address the plenary on the topics of the “Nexus between Drugs and Terrorism” and “Border Controls.” Conference documents are available through the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) web page at http://www.osce.org/events/conferences/ctc_conference/ The conference focused on furthering international cooperation in the fight on terrorism. In the spirit of the Vienna Declaration, CICTE is pursuing cooperative programs with the UN CTC, UN Office on Drugs and Crime, ICAO, Commonwealth Secretariat, IMF and others. The representatives observed a moment of silence to recall the victims of the Madrid bombing, and unanimously approved a special declaration condemning the bombing and offering condolences to the Spanish people and government. The League of Arab States has offered to host the next meeting this fall in Cairo.

Second Meeting of the Committee of Experts on Terrorism to Consider Europe-wide Counter Terrorism Convention

The Committee of Experts on Terrorism (CODEXTER) of the Council of Europe www.coe.int/gmt held its 2nd meeting in Strasbourg, 29 March to 1 April 2004. The CODEXTER will consider an independent study on the feasibility and added value of a comprehensive European counter-terrorism Convention, to be intended as a contribution to the ongoing work at the UN level. The CODEXTER will also analyze the implementation of the Council of Europe's other priority counter-terrorism activities, namely: special investigation techniques, protection of witnesses and collaborators of justice, fight against financing of terrorism, international co-operation on law enforcement, questions of identity documents, compensation of victims of violent crimes and in their responses to terrorism.

CICTE Funds Dangerous Goods Workshop

CICTE funded the first workshop in dangerous goods conducted by the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The workshop was held in Miami, Florida from 10-13 February 2004 and was the first in a series of programs planned for this year, targeting aviation personnel in the Caribbean Basin. Thirty one air security specialists from 12

independent English-speaking countries in the Caribbean Basin participated in the workshop.

Through lively and interactive sessions, participants were made aware of the safe transport of dangerous goods, techniques and procedures used to conduct dangerous goods inspections, FAA's role in the safe transport of dangerous goods and standards set by ICAO and IATA.

USDOC Conducts First Regional Counter-Terrorism Seminar

The US Department of Commerce (USDOC) Paraguay and the Paraguayan Minister of Defense co-hosted a Regional Counter-Terrorism Seminar at in Ascuncion, Paraguay throughout the week of 23 Feb. This was the first regional event of this nature, and brought together 54 representatives from 11 countries to discuss in detail military and civil responses to the transnational threats posed by terrorism.

Upcoming Counter-Terrorism Meeting and Events

- 26 March, Money Laundering Control Conference, Caracas, Venezuela
- 12-14 April, Jamaica Terrorism Seminar, Kingston
- April 19-22: CFATF Plenary XIX and Typology – The Second Meeting for Heads of FIUs (Trinidad)
- 15-28 April, Tradewinds 2004, Dominican Republic
- 26-30 April, Bolivia Assistance Mission (UNODC), La Paz, Bolivia
- 28-30 April, REMJA V, Washington, DC
- 18-21 May, Smart Border Symposium: A Dialogue on Cross-Border Cooperation, Vancouver
- 26 April -3 May, 3+1 Visits, Washington, D.C., El Paso, Laredo & Miami
- 19-21 April, UN CTC Meeting, Copenhagen
- 29-31 March, Cyber Security Experts Meeting, Ottawa
- 17-21 May, IAPSTP Caribbean, Jamaica

Recent Developments in the News

Signatories of the Inter-American Convention against the Fabrication and the Illicit Trafficking of Firearms and Munitions, Explosives and other Related Materials reunited in Bogotá, Colombia from 7-9 March, 2004 in support of the Declaration of Bogota. In an article published in *Caracol.com.co* on 8 March, the declaration's goals were defined as the need to pass the adoption of an "information network" and a "model of regulation" with the objective of including the 34 member states of the OAS.

As appearing in the 23 February article from *eltiempo.com*, Costa Rica's President Pacheco promised his support to Colombia's President Uribe as Colombia continues its fight against terrorism. In his speech, President Pacheco commented that while facing "terrorism and narcotrafficking, there is no room for faint-heartedness. We want there to be peace in Colombia."

The Amending Protocol to the 1977 *European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism* was opened for signature on 15 May 2003. To date, the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism (ETS No. 090) has been ratified by 42 states and signed by three further states while its Amending Protocol (ETS 190) has been ratified by two states and signed by 38 States. The Amending Protocol will enter into force once all the Parties to the European Convention have become Parties to the Protocol. The text is available at <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/en/Treaties/Html/090-rev.htm>
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Madrid Bombing: Editorial Round-Up

Canada.com (Canada), 15 March: Colby Cosh wrote “a few years ago, safety from assassination wouldn’t seem like so much for an American or an Australian or a Spaniard to have asked; now these countries are no longer safe from the Islamic-fundamentalist death cult.” Cosh claims that one’s foreign policy is now in jeopardy. “Pick the right foreign policy, and the trains will reach their destination: This is the deal now.”

Toronto Star (Canada), 14 March: Richard Gwyn wrote, “the massacre in Madrid confirms that an existential contest is now underway between these two creeds of absolutism and of realism [the ideology of terrorists and democracy]. One or other must lose and the other, if not win exactly, then will survive.”

El Espectador.com (Colombia), 15 March: “Whether this new atrocious attack was perpetrated by one of the Al Qaeda cells or by the ETA, or by a combination of multinational terrorist networks, the result is the same: Europe has entered into the era of terrorism on the grand scale, and with her the entire world has been notified that from now on, no one is safe from suffering.”

Cronica.com.mx (Mexico), 15 March: Otto Granados Roldan wrote, “the only form in which one can respond, from the point of view of political, civil, social and human rights of citizens, is not with less liberties but with more; not with less diversity but rather more; not with less respect for differences but with more; not with less civilization but more; not by closing one’s self off but by opening up.”

Clarín.com.ar (Argentina), 14 March: One inescapable goal in the contemporary world, needed to guarantee peace, tranquility of the people and legality is “to build the necessary security conditions, sufficient to prevent terrorist acts, but without affecting one’s personal rights and democratic principals . . . This is not a problem of one country or of one region, rather, terrorism affects all the geography of the world. The international community must lead an implementation process of measures able to prevent and lessen the risks of attacks.” What occurred in Madrid reinforces the need to “implement strategies capable of preventing and sanctioning terrorism – the most devastating evil of our époque.”

New Documents on OLAT

- Central American Plan of Integrated Cooperation to Prevent Terrorism and Like Activities, SICA (Spanish Version)
- Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering Typologies Report 2003, FATF Secretariat.
- Protection of Human Right & Fundamental Freedoms While Countering Terrorism , UN General Assembly, 58th session, Third Committee
- Agro-terrorism Issues for Reality from the Journal of Food Science
- “What We Can Lear from Al-Qaida” by Dr. Bruce Hoffman
- *Security in Telecommunications and Information Technology*, International Telecommunication Union
- *Stronger Links: Adding Security and Value to the Supply Chain*, APL Logistics
- *Covansys White Paper: Secure Supply Chain*, Covansys
- *Covansys White Paper: Barcode Issues: Sunrise 2005 & Container Security Initiative*, Covansys