

DRAFT RESOLUTION

MULTILATERAL EVALUATION MECHANISM (MEM) OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DRUG ABUSE CONTROL COMMISSION: REPORT ON ITS THIRD EVALUATION ROUND

(Presented by the delegation of Mexico)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Observations and Recommendations of the Permanent Council on the Annual Reports of the Organs, Agencies, and Entities of the Organization (AG/doc...../05), and in particular with reference to the annual report of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) (CP/doc. /05);

RECALLING that during the Third Summit of the Americas the Heads of State and Government noted with satisfaction the creation and implementation of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM), and reiterated their commitment to make this instrument, unique in the world, a central pillar of assistance toward effective hemispheric cooperation in the struggle against all the component elements of the global drug problem;

RECOGNIZING that the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) is a fundamental tool for obtaining a multilateral and objective diagnostic assessment of the manner in which states confront the drugs problem in the Hemisphere; that it also seeks to enhance inter-institutional coordination internally and internationally, dialogue among the competent authorities, and the optimization of resources devoted to cooperation among states in order to address the drug problem and related offenses more effectively; and

NOTING that the Hemispheric Report and the thirty-three National Reports produced as a result of implementing the third round of the MEM were approved by CICAD at its thirty-seventh regular session, held in Santo Domingo, the Dominican Republic, in April 2005, and published with its recommendations in May 2005,

RESOLVES:

1. To note with satisfaction the approval by the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) at its thirty-seventh regular session of the Hemispheric Report and the thirty-three National Reports of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) produced as a result of its Third Round of Evaluation 2003-2004.

2. To endorse the recommendations contained in the national reports of the MEM in accordance with each country's specific circumstances, to urge the countries to implement those recommendations, and to request the Permanent Council to present the Follow-up Report on them, at the thirty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly.

3. To recognize that the Governmental Experts Group (GEG) entrusted with preparing the reports during the Third Evaluation Round did a most thorough and in-depth job; and to congratulate the National Coordinating Entities (NCEs), the institutions, and the numerous national agencies that cooperated by providing ample information for the process.

4. To urge member states to disseminate the Mechanism's national reports and its Hemispheric Report, through their appropriate authorities, to their legislative branches and government institutions, the media, and civil society, so as to spread knowledge of the MEM and thereby boost the human and financial commitment of each member state and of the Hemisphere in the fight against the drug problem and related offenses.

5. To recognize with pleasure the striking progress made in national antidrug policies since the First Round of Evaluation 1999-2000 of the MEM and their impact on the Hemisphere, which has made it possible to foster trust and dialogue among states; facilitated the exchange of information and best practices among governments in the Hemisphere; strengthened domestic legal frameworks in all the member states, as well as the international legal framework by triggering the ratification of important international instruments; and helped to optimize resources for hemispheric cooperation by channeling them to areas identified by the MEM.

6. To urge member states to renew their commitment shown during the three MEM evaluation rounds, and to continue participating actively, fully and in timely manner in the fourth round, in particular by providing the introductory material required on the status of the drug problem and related offenses in each national report, and by giving complete answers to the questionnaire and assuring the presence of their qualified governmental experts in the different phases of the process.

7. To recognize that the Mechanism is an evolving instrument that needs to be perfected and strengthened and therefore to urge CICAD to continue striving to refine and improve the evaluation process, through the Intergovernmental Working Group (IWG) before the beginning of the Fourth Evaluation Round.

8. To urge member states and permanent observers to make voluntary contributions to the MEM, in order to guarantee its continuity and strengthen its impact.

9. To instruct the Executive Secretariat of CICAD to continue to support the member states in their national efforts to comply with the recommendations made in the MEM process.