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PROCEDURES

At its thirty-sixth regular session, the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) will elect its Chair and Vice Chair for coming year. The elections shall be held in accordance with Articles 22 and 23 of the Statute of the Commission, which state that elections are held each year, on the first day of the Commission's regular session dealing with general matters, i.e., the second session of each year; the first session of the year deals with technical matters. Therefore, elections for Chairman and Vice Chairman will be held during the thirty-sixth regular session, in December 2004.

Article 22

The Commission shall have a Chairman and a Vice Chairman elected from among its member states. The offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be held by the Principal Representatives of those member states elected.

Elections to these offices shall be held each year, on the first day of the Commission's regular ordinary session.

Article 23

The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall each be elected by an absolute majority of the member states of the Commission present. If more than one round of voting is required, the candidate who receives the least number of votes shall be eliminated until a winning candidate is selected.

The voting shall be by secret ballot.

CANDIDATES

For Chair:

The Government of the Dominican Republic presented its candidacy for Chair of CICAD in the person of Major General José Aníbal Sanz Jiminián, President of the National Drug Council, published as document CICAD/doc.1316/04.

For Vice Chair:

The Government of Bolivia presented its candidacy for Vice Chair of CICAD, in the person of Ambassador Jorge Gumucio Granier, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bolivia, published as document CICAD/doc.1331/04.

DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The duties and functions of the Chair and Vice Chair are spelled out in Articles 24-26 of the CICAD Statute, and Articles 10-12 of the Regulations.

Statute of the Commission:

Article 24

The duties of the Chairman shall be determined in accordance with the Regulations.

Article 25

The Vice Chairman shall replace the Chairman in the event of the latter's absence, incapacity or resignation.

If the respective national authorities decide, for any reason, to change their Principal Representative while he is serving as Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Commission, the official named to replace him shall complete the term of office.

If a member state resigns from either the Chairmanship or the Vice Chairmanship, the Commission may hold a special election to fill the vacant office.

Article 26

The Chairman may delegate to the Vice Chairman such functions as he determines appropriate, in accordance with the Regulations.

Regulations of the Commission

Article 10

The duties of the Chairman shall be:

- a. to plan the Commission's work program and submit it to the Commission for its consideration;
- b. to represent the Commission to organs of the Organization and other institutions;
- c. to convene the regular and special sessions of the Commission, in accordance with its Statute and these Regulations;

d. to preside over the meetings of the Commission and to introduce the topics that appear on the work program approved for the corresponding session;

e. to settle any points of order raised during the course of the Commission's proceedings;

f. to put matters to a vote, in accordance with the Statute and these Regulations;

g. to submit a written report to the Commission at the start of its regular and special sessions, as to how he has discharged the duties set forth in the Statute and these Regulations during the interval between sessions. This report will be considered by the Commission in order to comply with Article 19(g) of its Statute;

h. to attend the sessions of the General Assembly of the Organization, and when the Commission so authorizes, meetings of other institutions that address issues relevant to the work of the Commission;

i. to participate in the permanent or special subcommittees or expert groups or working groups created by the Commission;

j. to perform the other functions conferred upon him in the Statute and these Regulations.

Article 11

The following procedure shall be followed to address the resignation by a member state of the office of Chairman or Vice Chairman as contemplated by Article 25 of the Statute.

In the event that the member state that holds the Chairmanship of the Commission resigns that office, the member state holding the Vice Chairmanship shall assume it. Special elections for a new Vice Chairman shall be held at the next session of the Commission.

Likewise, in the event that the member state that holds the Vice Chairmanship of the Commission resigns that office, the same procedure set out in the preceding paragraph shall be followed.

In the event that resignations in both offices occur at the same time, the Commission shall convene a special session at which special elections for both offices shall be held.

Article 12

The Chairman may delegate the functions set forth in Article 10, paragraphs b), h) and i) to the Vice Chairman or, in the latter's absence, to any other member of the Commission.