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BACKGROUND

- GELAVEX was created in 1990 in accordance with article 22 of the Statute of CICAD and is, therefore, one of the advisory bodies of CICAD
- GELAVEX is formed by two Sub-Working Groups:
 - the Sub-Working Group on International Cooperation and Forfeiture; and
 - the Sub-Working Group in Financial Intelligence Units (FIU) and Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA)
- Its activities are determined by strategic plans that define lines of action and by work plans that define concrete actions to be developed in accordance with the lines of action previously defined
- The Strategic Plan Proposal for the 2015-2017 period, that corresponds to Annex X of the Final Report of the XXXII Meeting of GELAVEX (CICAD/LAVEX/doc.17/11), was approved at the fifty-sixth regular session of CICAD (CICAD/doc.2162/14) and, therefore, serves as a guideline for the future activities of the group from 2015-2017.



XLI GELAVEX Meeting:

- 35 participants:
 - ✓ **15 Member States:** Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estados Unidos de América, Guatemala, Honduras, México, Panamá, Paraguay, Perú, República Dominicana, y Trinidad y Tobago.
 - ✓ **1 Permanent Observer:** Spain;
 - ✓ **5 International Organizations:** GAFILAT, CFATF, RRAG, and ARIN-Carib;
- Dominican Republic successfully finished its period as president (2015-2016);
- As approved at CICAD-60, **Paraguay started to hold the presidency and Bolivia the vice-presidency.**



DECISIONS

- i. Approve the Activities Report for the period 2016-2017 of the Department against Transnational Organized Crime (DTOC) (DTOC/LAVEX/doc.4/17).
- ii. Thanks for the Presentation: “Trends and typologies detected in Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism cases in Paraguay”, exposed by the Delegation of Paraguay (DTOC/LAVEX/doc.19/17).
- iii. Thanks for the Presentation: “The effective administration of seized companies” exposed by the Delegation of El Salvador.
- iv. Thanks for the progress report on the project “ Open Sources of Information as Tools for the Development of Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing Investigations ” , exposed by the delegations of Peru and Bolivia, and recommend that the participation of this Project in other countries or jurisdictions that are not member States of the OAS (DTOC/LAVEX/doc.20/17).



- v. Approve the Report on the “Study on best practices for the coordination between administrative and judicial authorities with the specialized agencies for the administration of seized and forfeited assets”, presented by the Delegation of Costa Rica and Project BIDAL (DTOC/LAVEX/doc.7/17) and (DTOC/LAVEX/doc.8/17).

- vi. Approve the Report on the “Study on the needs of training on the topic of administration of seized and forfeited assets of the OAS Member States”, presented by the Delegation of Costa Rica and Project BIDAL (DTOC/LAVEX/doc.9/17) and (DTOC/LAVEX/doc.10/17).

- vii. Thanks for the proposal presented by the Delegation of Bolivia regarding the development of a new technological platform for virtual training.

- viii. Approve the Report on the “Diagnostic study on expert reports utilized by countries in cases of money laundering”, Presented by the Delegation of Chile (DTOC/LAVEX/doc.11/17) and (DTOC/LAVEX/doc.12/17).



- ix. Celebrate the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the FAU of Dominican Republic and SEPRELAD FIU of Paraguay on the cooperation for the exchange of financial information related to money laundering and terrorism financing. (DDOT/LAVEX/doc.13/17).

- x. Thanks for the presentations that composed the panel named: “Increasing the effectiveness of the asset recovery in the region: the establishment of the Asset Recovery Interagency Network of the Caribbean (ARIN-CARIB) and the international cooperation between Asset Recovery Interagency Network of GAFILAT (RRAG) countries”, exposed by the representatives of RSS and GAFILAT Secretariat. (DTOC/LAVEX/doc.14/17), (DTOC/LAVEX/doc.16/17) and (DTOC/LAVEX/doc.15/17).

- xi. Thanks for the presentation: “The use of virtual currency as a new typology of money laundering: “Liberty Reserve” case study”, exposed by the Delegation of Costa Rica.



- xii. Approve the “Study on new typologies of money laundering, especially in the use of virtual currency” presented by the Delegation of Chile (DTOC/LAVEX/doc.11/17) and (DTOC/LAVEX/doc.18/17).

- xiii. Thanks for the presentation of IMF named “The IMF's efforts in maintaining correspondent relationships” (DTOC/LAVEX/doc.5/17).

- xiv. Recommend CICAD to accept as Observer Organization of the GELAVEX the Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network of the Caribbean (ARIN-CARIB) (DTOC/LAVEX/doc.21/17).

- xv. Present the proposal of the Strategic Plan of the GELAVEX for 2018-2020, and request its approval to the CICAD in the next ordinary session period (DDOT/LAVEX/doc.22/17).



- xvi. Present the Work Plan 2017-2018 of GELAVEX Sub-Working Group and request its approval in the next ordinary session period of CICAD:
- The Sub-Working Group in International Cooperation and Forfeiture will dedicate its efforts to a) A study on liquidation or sale of seized assets: valuation for its due destination; and b) identification of challenges that the OAS member states face in terms of asset recovery: a diagnosis that will include forfeiture laws and victims.
 - The Sub-Working Group on Financial Intelligence Units and Law Enforcement Agencies will dedicate its efforts to a) A study on new AML / CTF typologies, including the use of virtual currencies; and b) A study on expert evidence (experts) in AML / CTF cases.



RECOMMENDATION TO CICAD

- To approve the final report of GELAVEX;
- To approve the Report on the “Study on best practices for the coordination between administrative and judicial authorities with the specialized agencies for the administration of seized and forfeited assets”;
- To approve the Report on the “Study on the needs of training on the topic of administration of seized and forfeited assets of the OAS Member States”;
- To approve the Report on the “Diagnostic study on expert reports utilized by countries in cases of money laundering” ;
- To approve the “Study on new typologies of money laundering, especially in the use of virtual currency”;



RECOMENDACIONES A LA CICAD

- To accept as Observer Organization of the GELAVEX the Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network of the Caribbean (ARIN-CARIB);
- To approve the proposal of the Strategic Plan of the GELAVEX for 2018-2020;
- To approve the Work Plan **2017-2018**;
- To approve the candidacies of Bolivia and Colombia to the Presidency and Vicepresidency, respectively, for the period **2018-2019**.