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The Department against Transnational Organized Crime (DTOC) of the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security (SMS) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the Organization of American States (OAS) and, upon the instruction of the Chair of the Group of Experts for the Control of Money Laundering (GELAVEX), is pleased to convene the **XLVIII Meeting of the GELAVEX**, which will take place **virtually** on June 30th, 2020.

Also on the instruction of the Chair, the DTOC extends an invitation to the Vice Chair and Coordinators of Sub-Working Groups to the coordination meeting, which will take place **virtually** as well, on June 29, 2020, the day before the XLVIII Meeting.

The purpose of the Plenary is to follow up on the approved Work Plan and the recommendations agreed at the XLVII GELAVEX meeting, held in Bogotá D.C., Colombia, September 24 and 25, 2019.

Additionally, the current situation related to COVID-19 reaffirms the importance of the role of money laundering control agencies. Ensuring that these crimes do not increase during and after the pandemic will allow States to focus their attention on solving the health and economic crisis.

Attached hereto, are the terms of reference of the meeting. The Department against Transnational Organized Crime of the OAS respectfully requests that Member States kindly confirm their participation no later than June 20, 2020, by sending the attached form by email to ddot@oas.org.

In order to facilitate your participation in the meeting, the information bulletin and the agenda will be distributed as soon as possible.

The Department against Transnational Organized Crime avails itself of this opportunity to reiterate to the Permanent Missions to the Organization of American States the assurances of its highest consideration.

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