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In my capacity as Rapporteur of the Eleventh Regular Session of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE), I have the honor to submit this Report on the proceedings of and decisions adopted at that Session.

## I. BACKGROUND

At the Tenth Regular Session, held in Washington, D. C., United States of America, on March 17, 18, and 19<sup>th</sup>, CICTE agreed to hold its Eleventh Regular Session during this same time period in 2011 in Washington, D.C. During the preparatory process of this Eleventh Session of CICTE, a consultation took place amongst Member States regarding the dates and structure of the meeting and it was agreed that the Eleventh Regular Session would take place over two days instead of the originally proposed three days and it would consist of a one day Ministerial meeting and a one day meeting for National Points of Contact to CICTE.

The Draft Agenda<sup>1/</sup> and Draft Calendar<sup>2/</sup> for the Eleventh Regular Session were both approved at the Second Preparatory Meeting held on January 18, 2011.

## II. PROCEEDINGS

### INAUGURAL CEREMONY

The Inaugural Ceremony of the Eleventh Regular Session of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) was held on March 17, 2011 at the Hall of the Americas at the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington, D.C.

### **Remarks by the Chair of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism – *The Honourable Orville A.T. Turnquest, Minister of National Security of the Bahamas***

The CICTE Chair, The Honourable Minister Turnquest of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, presided over the Inauguration and declared open the Eleventh Regular Session. In his remarks<sup>3/</sup> Minister Turnquest thanked the CICTE Secretariat for their support in carrying out the mandates set before them by the Member States during the chairmanship of The Bahamas . He also congratulated the incoming chair and pledged the support of The Bahamas during

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<sup>1</sup> CICTE/doc.2/11, Agenda of the Eleventh Regular Session of CICTE (Approved at the Second Preparatory Meeting held on January 18, 2011).

<sup>2</sup> CICTE/doc.3/11 corr. 1, Draft Calendar of the Eleventh Regular Session of CICTE (Approved at the Second Preparatory Meeting held on January 18, 2011).

<sup>3</sup> CICTE/INF.1/11

their chairmanship. Minister Turnquest referred to the topic of the Eleventh Session of CICTE as ‘timely and relevant’ and he reaffirmed the Bahamas’ commitment to the work of CICTE in the fight against terrorism.

Furthermore, he encouraged Member States to build on the many capacity building and training initiatives offered by the CICTE Secretariat, some he underlined in his remarks, and to find new ways to exchange best practices and information to increase preparedness in countering the threat of terrorism. On a similar note, he encouraged the committee to continue the tradition of frank and open dialogue.

**Remarks by the Secretary General of the Organization of American States –  
*His Excellency Jose Miguel Insulza***

The Welcome Address was delivered by the Secretary General of the Organization of American States, His Excellency Jose Miguel Insulza. His Excellency echoed the Chair of CICTE in expressing the timeliness and appropriateness of the theme for this eleventh session of CICTE: “To reaffirm the hemispheric commitment to prevent, combat and eliminate terrorism and to strengthen Member States’ capacity and regional cooperation”.

He underlined the importance of CICTE’s work in the scope of the Organization of American States and subsequently the importance of maintaining the support rendered by the Member States for this work. He highlighted the work of CICTE in international cooperation through its various programs and commended the leadership of the CICTE Secretariat and of the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security.

Mr. Insulza noted that Member States have recognized the impacts of terrorism in destroying lives. He cited examples of terrorist attacks in the region and noted the ways that the region has moved forward optimistically in light of those tragic events. Furthermore, he recognized the victims of these acts and their families. Mr. Insulza commended The Bahamas for its work during the chairmanship under the theme of public-private partnerships in the fight against terrorism and highlighted key initiatives undertaken by CICTE in international cooperation, which is, not by coincidence, part of the theme of the Eleventh Session as approved by Member States. He commended the donors to the CICTE Secretariat for their contribution of financial and human resources, which are essential to carry out the mandates of the Committee.

**Keynote Address by the Executive Director of the CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS) – *Ms. Lynne Anne Williams***

The Keynote Address was delivered by the Executive Director of the CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS).

Ms. Williams emphasized the importance of Member States ensuring the security in the hemisphere. She referred to the threats posed by terrorism as “indeed real and far reaching” while highlighting the potential of criminal activities such as illegal drug trafficking and corruption to fuel and further terrorist acts.

She explained the strides CARICOM states have made within the scope of CICTE's work, both independently and through CICTE's programs. She also noted CICTE's significant contributions and achievements in the security arena. Ms. Williams closed her remarks by challenging Member States to look forward to the next decade of hemispheric cooperation where states should be more proactive, less bureaucratic and improve information sharing, notwithstanding their respective cultural and legal differences. She reaffirmed CARICOM's commitment to support and contribute to hemispheric security.

## **FIRST PLENARY SESSION**

The First Plenary Session commenced under the chairmanship of the Minister of National Security of The Bahamas, the Hon. O.A.T. Tommy Turnquest.

### **1. Adoption of the Draft Agenda and Draft Calendar of the Eleventh Regular Session**

#### **i. Draft Agenda of the Eleventh Regular Session**

The Draft Agenda was submitted for consideration and approved without amendment.<sup>4/</sup> The Agenda included the central theme of the Session, "To reaffirm the hemispheric commitment to prevent, combat and eliminate terrorism and to strengthen Member States' capacity and regional cooperation".

#### **ii. Draft Calendar of the Eleventh Regular Session**

The Draft Calendar was also submitted for consideration and approved without amendment.<sup>5/</sup>

### **2. Report of the Chair of CICTE 2010-2011**

Minister Turnquest delivered the Chair's Report for the period 2010-2011<sup>6/</sup> summarizing the major activities and achievements in the nine program areas that CICTE executed through its Secretariat. He highlighted the efforts of the CICTE Secretariat in strengthening the capacity of Member States through the execution of 114 events in the region resulting in the training of 3,505 nationals in the Hemisphere. He underscored the efforts of CICTE in embracing the theme of "Public Private Partnerships" during The Bahamas' chairmanship through its various activities in tourism security, cyber security and other program areas. He emphasized the importance of Member States of the OAS to ratify the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism as well as the pertinent universal legal instruments, including the 18 related international conventions, protocols and resolutions. He also urged Member States to continue supporting the National Points of Contact Network as the important link between the Secretariat and the State. Minister Turnquest closed his report by thanking Member States and Permanent Observers to the OAS for their financial and human resource contributions to the Secretariat.

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<sup>4</sup> CICTE/doc.2/11 rev.1, Agenda of the Tenth Regular Session of CICTE (Adopted at the First Plenary Session held on March 17, 2010).

<sup>5</sup> CICTE/doc.3/11 rev.1, Calendar of the Tenth Regular Session of CICTE (Adopted at the First Plenary Session held on March 17, 2010).

<sup>6</sup> CICTE/doc.7/11.

### **3. Election of officers**

#### a. Chair of CICTE

The Delegation of Peru nominated Grenada to the chairmanship of the Committee for the period 2011-2012. This nomination was seconded by the delegation of Uruguay which proposed that the election be by acclamation. Grenada was so elected.

The Honorable Karl Hood, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Environment, Foreign Trade and Export Development of Grenada, thanked delegations for their support of Grenada to the chairmanship of CICTE and accepted on behalf of the Government of Grenada. He then assumed the Chair.

#### b. Vice-Chair of CICTE

The Delegation of Canada nominated Guatemala to the vice-chairmanship of the Committee for the period 2011-2012. This nomination was seconded by the delegation of Chile. Guatemala was elected to this office by acclamation.

His Excellency, Ambassador Jorge Skinner-Klee, Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the Organization of American States (OAS), accepted this nomination on behalf of his country and expressed his Government's appreciation for the vote of confidence.

#### c. Rapporteur of the Eleventh Regular Session of CICTE

The Delegation of Mexico nominated Mrs. Hayda Wallen-Jaganath, Security Cooperation Program Specialist of the Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago to the OAS, as Rapporteur of the Eleventh Regular Session of the Committee. This nominee was elected by acclamation.

### **4. Remarks by the Chair of CICTE 2011-2012 - *Hon. I.J. Karl Hood, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Environment, Foreign Trade and Export Development of Grenada***

On the assumption of the Chairmanship of CICTE by Grenada, the Honorable Minister Karl Hood opened his remarks<sup>7</sup> in which he thanked The Bahamas for their leadership role and focus on public private partnerships in the fight against terrorism during their chairmanship. He expressed Grenada's satisfaction for the Member States' support for the declaration agreed upon during the preparatory process which indicates the renewal of their commitment to enhance their cooperation in the region in countering terrorism.

Additionally, Minister Hood recognized CICTE as the only hemispheric body to effectively address the transnational threat of terrorism and indicated the importance of the efforts of international partners in achieving our counter terrorism goals. He also acknowledged the importance of support for victims and survivors of terrorism as outlined in the United Nations' Counter-Terrorism Global Strategy.

Minister Hood ended his remarks by commending the CICTE Secretariat staff for their contributions to the enhancement of the capacity of Member States.

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<sup>7</sup> CICTE/INF.4/11.

## SECOND PLENARY SESSION

### ***Dialogue of Heads of Delegation on the theme: “To reaffirm the hemispheric commitment to prevent, combat and eliminate terrorism and to strengthen Member States’ capacity and regional cooperation”***

The floor was opened to delegations who reaffirmed their countries’ commitment to the fight against terrorism and highlighted national strategies and actions taken within their countries in this effort. They underlined the need to strengthen global cooperation to achieve these goals and the importance of ratifying all necessary anti-terrorism international legal instruments. Member States expressed gratitude to the outgoing Chair for his direction over the past year and congratulated the newly elected officers of CICTE as well as the staff of the Secretariat for their efforts. They also thanked the donors to the Secretariat. Interventions were made by the following delegations: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Grenada, Guatemala,, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, U.S.A., and Venezuela.

Before the close of the Second Plenary Session, a representative from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) made a brief presentation to Member States on ICAO’s leadership role in Aviation Security in the region and on the importance of the Member States signing the relevant aviation security legal instruments.

## THIRD PLENARY SESSION

### **1. Report on the Activities of the Secretariat of CICTE by *Secretary of CICTE, Mr. Gordon Duguid***

The Secretary of CICTE, Mr. Gordon Duguid, presented the Secretariat Report on its activities in 2010.<sup>8/</sup> In his first report since assuming the post of Secretary of CICTE in August 2010, Mr. Duguid informed the Committee that in 2010 the Secretariat conducted 114 training courses, technical assistance missions, policy-level sub-regional workshops, table-top simulations, and exercises – targeting all 33 active Member States and benefitting approximately 3,500 participants.

He noted significant achievements of the Secretariat including that “in 2010 the CICTE Secretariat redoubled its focus on developing the networks that are required to effectively counter the threats posed by terrorist and other criminal networks.”<sup>9/</sup> Moreover, the Secretariat “significantly increased the number of sub-regional workshops and training initiatives carried out, utilizing a model that has proven successful in strengthening individual and institutional relations among counterpart authorities within and between countries.”<sup>10/</sup>

He highlighted that the CICTE Secretariat will continue to work in coordination with other relevant Secretariats and Departments within the OAS and more specifically within the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security in order “to provide the kind of concrete support to the Member States

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<sup>8</sup> CICTE/doc.6/11.

<sup>9</sup> CICTE/doc.6/11.

<sup>10</sup> CICTE/doc.6/11.

that is essential to strengthening national and regional capabilities for combating terrorism and other forms of transnational crime.”<sup>11/</sup>

In his report, Mr. Duguid outlined some of the major activities executed in 2010 under the nine program areas of the Secretariat.

In closing, Mr. Duguid reminded Member States that the CICTE Secretariat responds to their political will and thanked the States for their input and guidance as well as their contribution of associated staff who make up the senior levels of the CICTE Secretariat. He also thanked Member States and other donors for their financial contributions.

## **2. Consideration and adoption of the Draft CICTE Work Plan 2011**

The 2011 CICTE Work Plan was adopted as presented, without comment from the floor.<sup>12/</sup>

## **3. Consideration and adoption of the Draft Declaration on “Renewed Hemispheric Commitment to Enhance Cooperation to Prevent, Combat and Eliminate Terrorism”**

The Draft Declaration, as contained in CICTE/Doc.5/11, was adopted by consensus.<sup>13/</sup>

## **4. Consideration of the site and date of the Twelfth Regular Session of CICTE**

The Delegation of Guatemala proposed that the Twelfth Regular Session of CICTE be held from March 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in Washington D.C.<sup>14/</sup>

## **FOURTH PLENARY SESSION**

### ***Address by the Chair of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee, H.E. Ambassador H.S. Puri, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations***

In his address, Ambassador Puri noted the strong bond of cooperation between the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee and the CICTE Secretariat. He stated that the United Nations strongly condemns terrorism in all its forms and considers it an attack on human rights. He gave a brief overview of the work of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee (UNCTC) including their focus on “enhancing cooperation and coordination with international, regional and sub-regional organizations”<sup>15/</sup> as well as the Committee’s visits to Member States which are considered to be “among the most effective tools available to monitor the implementation of the resolution.”<sup>16/</sup> Ambassador Puri indicated the close working relationship amongst CICTE and CTED and the Committee through the continuous exchange of information and best practices. He stated that

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<sup>11</sup> CICTE/doc.6/11.

<sup>12</sup> CICTE/doc. 4/11 rev. 1

<sup>13</sup> CICTE/DEC.1/11, Declaration on of Renewed Hemispheric Commitment to Enhance Cooperation to Prevent, Combat and Eliminate Terrorism (Adopted at the Third Plenary Session held on March 17, 2011).

<sup>14</sup> CICTE/RES.1/11

<sup>15</sup> CICTE/INF.9/11

<sup>16</sup> CICTE/INF.9/11

“CICTE is the pre-eminent organization, within the Inter-American system, for the coordination of efforts to protect the citizens of its member States from domestic, regional and international terrorism.”<sup>17/</sup>

Ambassador Puri gave a brief outline of the United Nations’ assessment of the challenges and progress made in the hemisphere related to counter terrorism. He stated that “Several States in Central and South America continue to suffer from terrorism and other violent crimes. However, most States seem to be making progress in counter-terrorism efforts including the ratification of the international counter-terrorism instruments, the adoption of modern counter-terrorism legislation, and the strengthening of financial regulations and institutions.”<sup>18/</sup> He further indicated that, “combating transnational crime is considered to be among the top priorities for this hemisphere”.

He encouraged Member States to report on policies and operational measures, including on regional mechanisms for law enforcement cooperation and emphasized the importance of the respect for human rights in all counter-terrorism efforts.

## **CLOSING SESSION**

### ***Remarks by the Chair of CICTE, Hon. I.J. Karl Hood, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Environment, Foreign Trade and Export Development of Grenada***

The CICTE Chair offered brief closing remarks, noting the successful conclusion of the Eleventh Regular Session, and thanking delegates for their active participation in the dialogue which reflected a common call for action to strengthen multilateralism, cooperation, and information sharing of best practices and expertise. He expressed his appreciation for the CICTE Secretariat as well as the experts, and invited guests. He further expressed his enthusiasm to work alongside the Vice Chair in leadership of CICTE to strengthen cooperation among Member States in the fight against terrorism.

The Eleventh Regular Session of CICTE adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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<sup>17</sup> CICTE/INF.9/11

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