

REMARKS BY ALFRED SCHANDLBAUER
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Thank you, Chair.

The CICTE Secretary generally uses this occasion to describe the accomplishments of the secretariat, the circumstances in which the CICTE secretariat finds itself, and to lay out a vision for the future of the secretariat, including requesting the support of member states.

However, as you have all heard, with his Executive Order 16-01 the Secretary General has initiated a reorganization of the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security. With so much still to be decided – and your missions here will be intimately involved in those deliberations – it is not my place today to promote or explain my own vision regarding the structure and functioning of the secretariat.

And considering that our chairperson has just very ably described in her remarks what the CICTE secretariat has occupied itself with over the past year, and that we released today to member states the “Report on Activities of the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism,” (distributed as document CICTE DOC 2/16), which provides a lengthy summary of every activity carried out by the CICTE Secretariat in 2015, I will give back the remainder of my time.

Thank you, Chair.