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DRAFT SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

<u>Date/Time</u>		<u>Place</u>
Monday, April 28, 2014		
15:30-17:00	Registration of Participants	8th Floor Rubén Darío Room OAS GSB Washington, D.C., US
Tuesday, April 29, 2014		
07:30 – 09:00	Registration of Participants	8th Floor Rubén Darío Room OAS GSB Washington, D.C., US
INAUGURAL SESSION		
09:00	Welcome remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fernando Ruiz Gómez Vice Minister of Public Health of Colombia Chair of CICAD• James Cole Deputy Attorney General Department of Justice, USA• Hugo de Zela Chief of Staff of the Secretary General Organization of American States	
10:00	Break	

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

10:30 Adoption of the Draft Agenda (CICAD/doc.2073/14.rev2) and Draft Schedule of Activities (CICAD/doc.2074/14rev.1).

10:45 Draft CICAD Annual Report to the General Assembly (CICAD/doc. 2076/14)
Draft Resolution (CICAD/doc.2077/14).

11:00 **Panel: Drug trafficking in small quantities: Diagnosis and Current Challenges**

Presentation: Julián David Wilches, Director of Drug Policy and Related Activities
Ministry of Justice and Law, Colombia.

Panelists:

- Vitore Maximiano, Secretary of National Drug Policy, Brazil
- José Antonio García, Director for Global Commitment, DEVIDA, Peru
- Harold Pollack, Helen Ross Professor of Social Service Administration (University of Chicago).

Moderator: Julián David Wilches, Director of Drug Policy and Related Activities
Ministry of Justice and Law, Colombia.

Objective:

Discuss the impacts and challenges of Retail distribution of illegal drugs that has far-reaching consequences for security, public health, and human development. These consequences and impacts are experienced disproportionately by the more vulnerable population, women and minority ethnic groups.

Key Questions:

- a) *What is the nature and extent of the problem?*
- b) *What are current country responses?*
- c) *What are effective strategies for dealing with these issues?*
- d) *Where are the gaps in our knowledge and understanding of the Retail distribution of illegal drugs?*

13:00 **LUNCH**

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

15:00 **Report on the conclusions of the side-event: “Retail distribution of illegal drugs in local markets”.**
Juan Carlos Garzon, Woodrow Wilson Center

Panel: Cities, consumption and trafficking of drugs in small quantities: comprehensive prevention strategies

Panelists:

- Alejandro Ivelic, Adviser, Office of the Attorney General, Chile
- Carmen Fernandez Cáceres, General Director, Youth Integration Centers, Mexico.
- Jim Pugel, Former Seattle Police Chief, LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion).
- Mercedes María Dueñas, Coordinator, Reduction of Drug Consumption Section, UNODC, Colombia.

Moderator: To be confirmed

Objective:

Understand the challenges and opportunities faced in countries, taking into account the current urban demographics and demographic changes expected, how can countries better address the problem of drug use in urban areas with comprehensive prevention strategies.

Key Questions:

- a) *Does evidence in your country suggest a correlation between urbanization, population growth, drug use and economic development?*
- b) *When considering strategies to combat the drug problem, are demographic trends associated with urbanization, schooling and age of the population properly taken into account?*
- c) *At present, do police in your country have programs to prevent drug use in urban areas? What experience on the subject can your country share?*

16:30	Break
16:45	Discussion on the Special Session of the OAS General Assembly on the World Drug Problem in the Americas.
17:45	Close of Second Session
18:30	Reception offered by the Embassy of Canada. Patio Azteca, OAS Main Building (17th Street y Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006).

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

THIRD PLENARY SESSION

09:00	Judicial reform and alternatives to incarceration: <i>Experiences</i> Interactive Session with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ His Excellency Ivor Archie, President of the Supreme Court of Trinidad and Tobago.
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- Doris Ma Arias Madrigal, Judge of the Third Chamber of the Supreme Court. Republic of Costa Rica.
- Randall Worrell, High Court Judge, Barbados

Moderator: Judge Justice Kofi Barnes, President of the International Association of Drug Treatment Courts (IADTC) and the Canadian Association of Drug Treatment Courts (CADTC), Judge of the Superior Court of Ontario, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Objective: Familiarize with some initiatives to penal and correctional treatment of drug-related offenders which are being carried out by some Member States, seeking to promote public health and ensure the protection of Human Rights.

Key Questions:

- a) *Given the different trends in drug laws, do you think your country is willing to make legal changes to differentiate between different offenses related drug trafficking?*
- b) *In many Member States, prison systems are overcrowded, largely due to the imprisonment of drug-related offenders. What alternatives, if any, would you consider for other drug-related offenders, such as traffickers of small amounts of drugs?*
- c) *Do you think the judicial system recognizes that problematic use should not be penalized? At the same time, can it provide treatment for problem drug use?*

11:00 Break

11:15 Judicial reform and alternatives to incarceration: *Initiatives*

- Presentation of Working Group initiative on Alternative Proposals to the Penal and Correctional Treatment.
Julián David Wilches, Director of Drug Policy and Related Activities Ministry of Justice and Law, Colombia.
- Presentation on sentencing reform
Jonathan Wroblewski, Department of Justice, USA

13:00 LUNCH

FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

14:00 "Health issues and policies related to cannabis"

Introduction: Michael Botticelli, Deputy Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), USA.

Presenter: Dr. Wilson Compton, Deputy Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

15:00

Challenges and impacts of cannabis regulation

Interactive Session with:

- Julio Calzada, Secretary General, National Council on Drugs, Uruguay
- Barbara Brohl, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Revenue, State of Colorado.
- Peter Reuter, Professor, University of Maryland
- Kevin Sabet, Director, Drug Policy Institute, University of Florida

Moderator: Beau Kilmer, Co-Director, RAND Drug Policy Research Center

Objective: *To provide a brief overview of the background and development related to the regulation of cannabis in Uruguay and Colorado, detailing some of the different challenges and potential impacts of each.*

Key Questions:

- a) *Keeping in mind challenges such as youth access and negative health consequences, what have been some of the most significant concerns in designing laws and regulations governing legally available cannabis? Do you think these regulations have adequately addressed these concerns? If not, how could they be better?*
- b) *Though early, what are some of the expected or actual impacts of these legal changes on organized crime, violence and public health? How do you plan to monitor such impacts?*
- c) *How do these regulations prevent diversion and youth access? How are prevention and education programs being strengthened or improved?*
- d) *What are your opinions on the need for adaptability within the law? Given so many unknowns, how should jurisdictions modify these new laws to ensure the public's health and safety?*
- e) *In your jurisdiction, what has been the reaction so far from the general public, stakeholders and other interest groups?*

17:00

Break

17:15

Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism - Report of the Group of Governmental Experts and preliminary results of the Sixth Round

- Dave Alexander - General Coordinator, Governmental Expert Group (GEG)-MEM (CICAD/doc.2080/14; CICAD/doc.2083/14).

18:00

Close of Fourth Session

19:00

Reception offered by Colombia. Patio Azteca, OAS Main Building¹ (17th Street y Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006).

Thursday, May 1, 2014

FIFTH PLENARY SESSION

09:00

Panel: European perspective of the drug problem and cooperation with the Americas.

Panelists:

- Roland Schaefer, Director for the Americas (European Union-EEAS)
- Teresa Salvador, Director of the Coordination and Implementation Entity (ECE-COPOLAD) (CICAD/doc.2079/14).
- Francisco Babin, Government Delegate for the National Plan on Drugs MSSSI of Spain (CICAD/doc.2078/14).
- Alexis Goosdeel, Head of Unit, European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction - EMCDDA.

Moderator: Francisco Cumsille, CICAD/OEA

Objective: 1) To present a strategic vision of the cooperation framework of the European Union in Latin America identifying progress, challenges and opportunities in the region. 2) Provide an overview of the drug problem in Europe, and main trends.

Key Questions:

- a) How to prioritize efforts of European cooperation on drugs in Latin America in search of greater complementarity and impact on national drug policy? Criteria, approaches and strategic allies.
- b) What are the lessons learned and the assessment of the sustainability of the main actions supported by the EU in Latin America?
- c) What is the current state of the drug problem in Europe in general and Spain in particular?
- d) What are the trends and main concerns about the drug problem?

10:30

Panel: Situation analysis and responses to synthetic drugs and New Psychoactive Substances (NPS).

Panelists:

- Martin Raithelhuber, UNODC, Regional Report 2014 SMART Latin America (CICAD/doc.2081/14).
- Matthew Nice, Precursors Control Section, Secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) (CICAD/doc.2086/14).
- Jocelyn Kula, Health Canada

¹ The invitation is for the Head of Delegation plus one Representative

Moderator: Julian Wilches, Director of Drug Policy and Related Activities, Ministry of Justice and Law, Colombia

Objective: To present an overview of production, trafficking and consumption of synthetic drugs and New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) worldwide, including presentations focused on the drug situation in the Americas. It is expected that this meeting will help to increase awareness of the problem of NPS and suggest what steps need to be taken by Member States to be prepared to deal with this global problem. A review of amphetamine-type stimulants (ATS) and NPS in Latin America will be presented by UNODC. In addition, Canada will report on countries that currently address the problem of synthetic drugs and NPS in North America. Finally, the INCB will provide an overview of the precursors used in the manufacture of synthetic drugs and NPS.

Key Questions:

- a) *What is the current status of the production, trafficking and consumption of synthetic drugs and NPS both globally and in key regions?*
- b) *What are the challenges faced by the Member States to deal rapidly and effectively with the problem of traffic and use of NPS?*
- c) *What are the three things that the Member States need to do to deal quickly and effectively with the NPS?*
- d) *Is there reliable information on the consumption and processing of synthetic drugs and the problem of NPS in countries? Is there enough research on this issue in countries? What have countries done to increase the quality and availability of information on NPS in order to develop policies and programs and to support decisions regarding the regulatory control?*

12:00

Break

12:15

Presentation of the implementation of the CICAD Executive Secretariat 2013 Work Plan.

Report on 2014 Work Plan

- Ambassador Paul Simons, Executive Secretary of CICAD

13:00

LUNCH

SIXTH PLENARY SESSION

14:00

Panel: Linking national drug commissions with the health sector for addressing the drug problem from the perspective of Public Health.

Panelists:

- Howard Cotto, Commissioner, El Salvador and Víctor Odmaro Rivera Martínez, Director of Regulation, Ministry of Health of El Salvador.

- Juan Carlos Molina, Secretary for Prevention of Drug Addiction and Fight against Drug Trafficking (SEDRONAR), Argentina.
- Luis Alfonzo, Substance Abuse Counselor, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) (CICAD/doc.2082/14).
- Esther Best, Manager, National Drug Council, Ministry of National Security, Trinidad and Tobago.

Moderator: Michel Perron, Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA)

Objective: *Share and disseminate the results of successful experiences in linking national drug commissions with multiple actors and institutions across sectors, especially the health sector, to comprehensively address the drug problem.*

Key Questions:

- a) *What is the public health approach in addressing the country's drug problem?*
- b) *Who are the key actors and institutions involved in addressing the country's drug problem from a public health perspective?*
- c) *What are the standards, guidelines, and mechanisms that facilitate the interaction and coordination between these actors?*
- d) *How are the goals and commitments of those responsible for addressing the drug problem from a public health approach monitored and measured?*

- 15:30** **Presentation of the Integral Study of the Coca Leaf**
Felipe Cáceres, Vice Minister of Social Defense and Controlled Substances, Bolivia.
- 16:00** **Consideration and approval of the Draft CICAD Annual Report to the General Assembly (CICAD/doc. 2076/14) and Draft Resolution (CICAD/doc.2077/14) for the 44th session of the General Assembly of the OAS, June 2014.**
- 16:15** **Interventions permanent observers to the OAS, and International, Regional Organizations and Civil Society accredited to the OAS.**
- 17:15** **Topics, dates and location of the fifty-sixth regular session of CICAD.**
Other business
Closing remarks by the Chair