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MEETING TO DISCUSS THE SPECIAL SECURITY CONCERNS

OF THE SMALL ISLAND AND LOW-LYING COASTAL

DEVELOPING STATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

OAS Headquarters, Washington D.C

*“Addressing Gang Violence and Illicit Firearms Access in the Small Island and Low-Lying Coastal Developing States of the Caribbean.”*

DRAFT ORDER OF BUSINESS

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Place: Ruben Dario Room

1. Opening Remarks: Colonel Julius Skeete, the 2nd Vice Chair of the Committee on Hemispheric Security, Defence and Military Attaché, Permanent Mission of the Co-Operative Republic of Guyana to the OAS (5 mins)
2. Remarks: H.E. Ambassador, Nestor Mendez, OAS Assistant Secretary General (5 mins)
3. Keynote Address: Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, Prime Minister of Saint Kitts and Nevis, Chair of CARICOM Council on National Security and Law Enforcement (CONSLE) (15 mins)
4. Panel Discussions and Presentations:
   1. Overview of the Impact of Gang Violence and Illicit Firearms Access

Presentation by Mr. Callixtus Joseph, Assistant Director, Policy, Innovation, and Strategy (Ag), CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (CARICOM IMPACS) (20 mins)

* 1. Root Causes and Drivers of Gang-Related Crime

Presentation by Mrs. Rhea Reid -Bowen, Director of Strategic Services and International Affairs, Regional Security System (RSS) (20 mins)

* 1. Best Practices and Lessons Learnt

Case studies and success stories of initiatives aimed at preventing and addressing gang violence in SILLCDS, focusing on recent efforts in Jamaica. Presentation by Ms. Susan Bruce Deputy Superintendent of Police, Jamaica Constabulary Force (20 mins)

* 1. Strengthening Regional Cooperation

1. Presentation by Mrs. Rhea Reid-Bowen, Director of Strategic Services and International Affairs, Regional Security System (RSS) (10 mins)
2. Presentation by Cristiano Taboada, Section Chief for Security and Justice, OAS Department of Public Security(10 mins)
3. Presentation by Colonel Manuel Gonzalez, Advisor for Firearms, Guns and Ammunition Control Section, Inter-American Defense Board(10 mins)
4. Interactive Dialogue and Interventions by Member States (50 mins): Exchange of views and interventions by member states on key issues and proposed initiatives, which should include:

(a) Follow-Up Mechanisms: how follow-up on discussed initiatives will be handled. This could involve setting up a smaller working group, scheduling subsequent meetings, or a method for tracking the implementation of strategies discussed.

(b) Documentation and Dissemination: Consideration of how the outcomes of the meeting will be documented and shared, ensuring that the knowledge and strategies discussed are effectively disseminated beyond the participants.

1. Closing Session: Remarks by H.E. Samuel Hinds, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Co-Operative Republic of Guyana to the OAS, Coordinator of the CARICOM CAUCUS of Ambassadors. (5 mins)

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