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Chairman's Non-paper

Options for Modernizing the Inter-American Defense Board pursuant to Paragraph 49 of the Declaration on Security in the Americas

1. The Aladi Group Proposal that was circulated last week that reflects the status quo (CSH/GT/ADS-16/04).
2. Establishment of the "Hemispheric Security Board," a body composed of two units: a Unit for the Promotion of Security and a Unit for the Promotion of Defense. In addition, the Inter-American Defense College would become the Inter-American Defense and Security College.
 - The Board would be assigned the permanent role of providing the Secretary General and the Permanent Council of the Organization, as well as individual member states, with defense and security advisory, technical, educational, research and consulting services.
 - Each member state would choose for itself in which sub-unit its personnel would participate. Those states without militaries would be able to participate in the security sub-unit and those states whose militaries are barred from discussing hemispheric security issues would participate in the defense sub-unit. States could also participate in both units if they so desire.
 - Each unit would consist of competent mid to senior-level security or defense officials from interested member states and would have its own dedicated staff. Staffed would consist of seconded officials from Member States that are experts in defense or security issues, as appropriate.
3. An Inter-American Defense and Security College with a Strategic Studies Institute (or Inter-American College and Institute to Promote Peace and Security).

- Charge the educational duties of the Inter-American Defense Board to the Inter-American Defense and Security College. The Inter-American Defense and Security College would be a permanent institution of higher learning for civilian and military officials of the hemisphere and an entity of Organization of American States.
- Create a Strategic Studies Institute tasked with providing the Secretary General, Permanent Council and individual Member States with defense and security advisory, technical, research and educational services.
- Inter-American Defense and Security College would be led by a president from the Host government who will preside over a board of regents drawn from all OAS member states and elected by the OAS General Assembly. The College shall have a vice-president rotating among member states on a two-year basis, and a permanent civilian dean of academics. The academic dean shall serve with a five-year renewable contract. The Host Government will provide the facility, administrative, information management, and logistical support necessary.