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The States Parties to the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism,

RECALLING that June 3, 2022, marks the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism at the thirty-second regular session of the OAS General Assembly, held in Bridgetown, Barbados, which entered into force on July 10, 2003;

RECOGNIZING the importance of the Convention to prevent, punish and eliminate terrorism and that, to that end, the States Parties agreed to adopt the necessary measures to strengthen cooperation among themselves;

MINDFUL that terrorism and violent extremism represent a serious threat to democratic values and to international peace and security, and are a cause of profound concern to all member states;

BEARING IN MIND that the attacks of September 11, 2001 marked a watershed moment in the fight against terrorism and violent extremism at the international level;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that during the 20 years of existence of the Convention, multiple efforts have been made in the Hemisphere to prevent and counter this scourge;

TAKING NOTE of the various policy coordination initiatives in the region, such as the hemispheric ministerial conferences on combating terrorism and violent extremism held in Washington (2018), Buenos Aires (2019) and Bogotá (2020);

RECOGNIZING the work of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) in its efforts to prevent and counter all forms of terrorism and violent extremism in the Americas, by promoting cooperation and dialogue among OAS member states;

NOTING the importance of working with international partners and complementing global efforts with the United Nations and its relevant institutions, instruments, conventions, and resolutions on preventing and countering terrorism;

**DECLARE**:

1. Their commitment to the purposes and obligations reflected in the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism, in the framework of the twentieth anniversary of its adoption.
2. The need to invite all OAS member states that have not already done so to consider ratifying and/or acceding to the Convention.
3. Their desire to encourage relevant international and regional organizations, the private sector, nongovernmental organizations, the academic community, and civil society to strengthen their cooperation and work with States Party in implementing the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism, as well as other pertinent international instruments and initiatives on terrorism and violent extremism, as appropriate.
4. Their interest in promoting, where appropriate, technical cooperation, training programs, workshops and exercises with regional partners and international organizations conducting activities related to the purposes of this Convention.
5. Their support for the CICTE Secretariat to continue its comprehensive technical cooperation and capacity-building programs at the national, bilateral, subregional and regional levels, in order to strengthen the national institutions responsible for compliance with the obligations assumed under this Convention.
6. Their intent to convene a Meeting of Consultation of the States Parties in 2027.

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