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Draft Declaration on Cooperation to

Combat the Financing of Terrorism

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The Member States of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) of the Organization of American States (OAS), meeting on the occasion of the Twenty-Fourth Regular Session of CICTE, on April 24 and 25, 2024, at the headquarters of the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington, DC, United States:

1. Condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and whatever its motives. **[ARG: Agreed that countering terrorism is a priority for the preservation of public security, economic and social development, and the defense of the democratic system of government.]**

1. Reaffirmed that their efforts in the fight against terrorism and the financing of terrorism must be carried out in accordance with the rule of law and respect for human rights and international humanitarian law.

**Proposed new paragraph submitted by the delegation of Argentina:**

**2.bis. [ARG: Reaffirmed their commitment to the development of cooperation against terrorism, drug trafficking and other forms of organized crime, at the bilateral, regional, hemispheric, and multilateral levels, considering the criminal convergence of these scourges. Stressed that it is not possible to fully ensure public security without effective international cooperation.]**

1. Recognized the serious threat posed by the financing of terrorism as a source for the planning and execution of terrorist activities and for the integrity of the financial systems of the countries of the hemisphere.
2. Stressed that the terrorist threat and methods of financing terrorist activities have evolved considerably in recent years, including through the use of new technologies, which requires States to take appropriate measures to counter the threat. **[ARG: They also recognized that this threat has particular features in our region that make it necessary to consider the adoption of common legal frameworks to counter it more effectively.]**
3. Emphasized the importance of ratifying and implementing international instruments against terrorism and its financing, particularly the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism and the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism.  **[ARG: , as well as the convenience of seeking new common mechanisms to strengthen regional cooperation.]**
4. Stressed the importance of implementing relevant UN Security Council Resolutions on the financing of terrorism, including 1267 (1999), 1373 (2001), 1540 (2004), 1988 (2011), 2178 (2014), 2242 (2015), 2396 (2017) and 2462 (2019). **[ARG: Expressed, to this end, that it is of essential importance that the American States adopt legal mechanisms that allow an adequate and transparent reception of them for the purpose of their implementation.]**
5. Reiterated **[US:** **~~their~~ the importance of implementing applicable]** obligation**s [US: ~~to~~** **regarding the** criminaliz**ation**~~e~~ **of]** the financing of terrorism**, [US: including** **~~in accordance~~** **those contained in** **~~with]~~** United Nations Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and **[US:****~~article 2 of~~]** the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism.
6. Emphasized that bilateral, regional and international cooperation is essential for strengthening national capacity to prevent, detect, investigate and prosecute terrorist financing, and in this regard, declared their intention to **[US: explore avenues for enhanced law enforcement cooperation, including through ~~strengthen mechanisms for the exchange of financial]~~** information **[US: sharing****~~and intelligence and legal cooperation~~].**
7. Expressed their concern regarding the link **[CAN: that can arise]** between terrorism and transnational organized crime in the Americas, stressing the importance of preventing terrorist groups from benefiting from the activities of transnational organized crime and that **[CAN: drug ~~narco~~trafficking],** illicit arms trafficking, human trafficking **[CAN: , ~~and ]~~**migrant smuggling **[CAN: and environmental crime],** among other forms of transnational organized crime, can be used to support and finance terrorist activities.
8. Highlighted the need to strengthen their legal frameworks and effectively implement international standards on terrorist financing, including through the implementation of the recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), to prevent the use of their national territories for the financing of terrorist organizations, individuals or activities, by lawful or **[US: unlawful ~~illicit~~]** means.
9. Underscored the importance of the CICTE Secretariat **[ARG:, and the countries in a position to do so,** **continue** ~~continuing ]~~ to support Member States in strengthening their capacities to prevent and counter terrorism and terrorist financing.

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