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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.
2. Acknowledged that preventing and countering terrorism is a priority for the preservation of public security, economic and social development, and democracy.
3. Reaffirmed that their efforts in the fight against terrorism and the financing of terrorism should be carried out consistent with the rule of law and respect for human rights and international humanitarian law.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Recognized that this threat has particular features in our region necessitating national, regional, subregional, multilateral, and whole-of-society cooperation in order to effectively counter terrorism.
7. 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.
8. 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).Expressed that it is of essential importance that Member States adopt national legal mechanisms that ensures their adequate and transparent implementation.
9. Reiterated the importance of implementing applicable obligations regarding the criminalization of the financing of terrorism, including those contained in United Nations Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism.
10. 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 explore avenues for enhanced law enforcement cooperation, including through information sharing.
11. Expressed their concern regarding any existing, growing, or potential link that may arise, in some cases, between the financing of terrorism and transnational organized crime in the Americas, stressing the importance of strengthening international cooperation to prevent terrorist groups from benefiting from the activities of transnational organized crime in all its forms and manifestations.
12. Highlighted the need to strengthen their legal frameworks and effectively implement international standards on terrorist financing and the financing of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, through the implementation of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) recommendations, to prevent the use of their national territories for the financing of terrorist organizations, individuals, or activities.
13. Underscored the importance of the CICTE Secretariat and the countries in a position to do so, to continue to support Member States in strengthening their capacities to prevent and counter terrorism and terrorist financing.

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