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News Release

OAS Antiterrorism Committee meets in Colombia.

The Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (CICTE), will hold its Sixth Regular Session from March 22 to 24, 2006, in Bogota, Colombia.

The Antiterrorism Committee, which comprised the 34 member countries of the Organization of American States (OAS), will adopt decisions to strengthen their commitment and cooperation in the fight against terrorism in all its forms and manifestation.

According to Mr. Starret Greene, OAS Director in the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, the meeting in Colombia would attract participation at the highest levels and would include Government Ministers responsible for counter-terrorism policy, Principal Representatives of CICTE and National Points of Contact (NPC). The Director also explained that since it was CICTE's Sixth Regular Session, Heads of Delegations would likely take the opportunity to reflect on what had been achieved in the past 5 years, and would also propose common approaches to dealing with the challenges encountered.

Mr. Greene also explained that CICTE's agenda would include discussions on cyber-security and cooperation for comprehensive action to fight terrorism and criminal activities that facilitate terrorism. "Promoting and enhancing the security of its member countries is a major priority for the OAS, and the meeting in Colombia will undoubtedly help to further advance this objective", the Director concluded.

The Government of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis will be represented at the meeting by the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security, Justice, Immigration and Labour, Mrs. Astona Browne, and Mr. Robert W. Jeffers, Commission of the Royal St. Kitts and Nevis Police, who also serves as the country's National Point of Contact to CICTE.

The Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism is the principal body within the OAS that is mandated to address all issues relating to combating terrorism.

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