

INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST THE
ILLICIT MANUFACTURING OF AND TRAFFICKING
IN FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES,
AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS (CIFTA)

First meeting of national authorities directly responsible for
granting the export, import, and international transit licenses or
authorizations for transfers of firearms, ammunition, explosives and
other related materials

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SCHEDULE

Place: Jose Gustavo Guerrero Room, OAS Main Building (17th
Street & Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, DC).

First day: Thursday, October 6, 2005

10:00-10:30: Opening session.

- Welcoming Remarks by the *Secretariat pro tempore of the Consultative Committee of the CIFTA*.
Ambassador Alvaro Tirado Mejía, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the OAS.
- Opening remarks.
Ambassador Albert R. Ramdin, Assistant Secretary General of the OAS.

10:30-13:00: First session:

- Consideration and adoption of the Draft Agenda and Schedule (*Point 1 of the agenda*).
- Election of the Chair (*point 2 of the Agenda*).
- Background mandates and objective of the meeting.
Presentation by the Secretariat pro tempore of the Consultative Committee of the CIFTA (point 3 of the Agenda).
- Initial consideration of the items set forth in paragraph 8 of the Declaration of Bogotá (*point 4 of the Agenda*):

- Consideration of the first goal of this meeting:

“To facilitate mutual understanding and the start or strengthening of the exchange of information and cooperation between the authorities to ensure effective and efficient compliance with the provisions of Article IX of the Convention, and the application, as appropriate, of the CICAD Model Regulations” (paragraph 8, a) of Declaration of Bogota).

14:30-17:30 Second session

- Continuation of the consideration of the items set forth in operative paragraph 8 of the Declaration of Bogota (*point 4 of the Agenda*).

- Consideration of the second goal of this meeting:

“To consider existing alternatives and make the recommendations deemed necessary to move ahead rapidly to implement a viable, effective, secure, and sustainable network for information exchange among these authorities concerning authorizations or licenses for export, import, and international transit of firearms, ammunition, explosives, and other related materials” (paragraph 8, b) of Declaration of Bogota).

- *Presentation by the General Secretariat of the OAS.*

- Consideration of the third goal of this meeting:

“To exchange information and experiences and make specific recommendations to move forward with the development and use of common or harmonized elements in certificates and documents for the import, export, and international transit of firearms, ammunition, explosives, and other related materials, as well as the establishment or consolidation of standard, electronic, and secure registers of transactions for their import, export, and transit” (paragraph 8, c) of Declaration of Bogota).

- *Presentation by the Colombian Delegation.*

- Consideration of the fourth goal of this meeting:

“To evaluate the feasibility of establishing, in exporting, importing and transit countries, security mechanisms or practices to reduce possibilities of forgery or fraud in import and export licenses and permits, and in certificates or letters” (paragraph 8,d) of Declaration of Bogota).

Second day: Friday, October 7, 2005

10:00-13:00: Third Session

- Continuation and conclusion of consideration of the items set forth in operative paragraph 8 of the Declaration of Bogotá (*point 4 of the Agenda*):
 - Consideration of the fifth goal of this meeting:

“To consider practical measures, including a possible database, to facilitate the exchange of information provided for in Article XIII.1.a of the Convention (point 8,e) of Declaration of Bogotá.”

 - *Presentation by the Brazilian Delegation.*
 - Consideration of the sixth goal of this meeting:

“To consider the facilities that may be provided by third states in the event that a means of transportation is obliged, unexpectedly or for reasons of force majeure, to land at an airport or put into a port. In that regard, both the CIFTA and corresponding national law shall be taken into account In that regard, both the CIFTA and corresponding national law shall be taken into account” (point 8,f) of Declaration of Bogotá.
- Other business (*point 5 of the Agenda*).
- Consideration of the Report of the Meeting (*point 6 of the Agenda*)
- Close of the Meeting.