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Recommendations of Working Group N° 1: Terrorism

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We, parliamentarians of the Americas, recommend to:

1. **Condemn** terrorism in all its forms and whatever the cause, including that sponsored by extremist groups and state terrorism;
2. **Define** terrorist acts as serious offences and crimes against humanity, regardless of when they occur or in which part of the world;
3. **Repeat** the urgent need for ratification, implementation and enforcement of the international instruments for confronting terrorism, particularly the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism, the 12 United Nations Conventions and Protocols, and related resolutions of the UN Security Council;
4. **Incorporate** within each country's domestic legislation those measures proposed by the international organizations for combating and preventing terrorism, while emphasizing respect for individual guarantees and human rights;
5. **Work** to develop common definitions that will permit speedy prosecution of crimes related to terrorism;
6. **Develop** joint activities and cooperative efforts for combating and preventing terrorism, making best use of parliamentary experience in each country.
7. **Strengthen** ties of technical cooperation between the multilateral agencies and our parliaments, especially with the organizations of the United Nations system and the Organization of American States;
8. **Combat** international criminal acts committed by organized crime groups (drug trafficking, money laundering, arms smuggling, kidnapping and trafficking in persons) related to terrorist activities, whether by directly supporting or providing the financing for such activities;
9. **Request** that the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) prepare an information manual containing useful elements that will aid parliamentarians in pushing ratification of international instruments and drafting domestic legislation governing terrorism.

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