UNASUR/CMRE/RESOLUTION Nº 15/2016

CREATION OF UNASUR NETWORK AGAINST INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME AMONG THE AGENCIES OF THE MEMBER STATES OF UNASUR.

BASED ON

That Article 5 of the Constitutive Treaty of UNASUR foresees the possibility of creating Working Groups and other institutions that are required, permanent or temporary in nature, to comply with the mandates and recommendations of competent bodies;

That Article 8 *ejusdem* foresees that among the powers of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs are the approval of resolutions and regulations of institutional nature, as well as the creation of Working Groups;

That during the I Meeting of Ministers of the South American Council in the area of Citizen Security, Justice and coordination of actions against Transnational Organized Crime of UNASUR, the member countries signed the Ministerial Declaration of August 19, 2013 in the city of Lima, Peru, in which it was emphasized that transnational organized crime is a shared problem in the region and thus should be faced decisively, jointly and in a coordinated manner by the Member States, and at the same time it was decided that the Executive Instance will submit a proposed structure for a network to exchange information and coordinate policy actions and permanent criminal persecution, in relation to Transnational Organized Crime;

That in this context, the Ecuadorian State, as part of UNASUR, presented at the meeting of the Executive Instance held on the second semester of 2013 a proposal for the creation of a Network of UNASUR against Transnational Organized Crime among the Member States;
That the Member States of UNASUR have undergone video conferences to review and agree on the proposal and collect the comments of all Member States;

That at the meeting of the Executive Instance held on October 28 and 29, 2015 in the city of Montevideo, Uruguay, the delegations reached a final document on the creation of a UNASUR Network against Transnational Organized Crime among the bodies of the Member States of UNASUR that will allow to generate a legal framework for the exchange of information as well as closer links with other police institutions outside UNASUR;

That in the III Meeting of the Ministers of the South American Council in the area of Citizen Security, Justice and coordination of actions against delinquency against Transnational Organized Crime of UNASUR, held on October 30, 2016, in the city of Montevideo, Uruguay, the Ministers signed that document;

That through the Pro Tempore Presidency of Uruguay a proposal was submitted to the Council of Delegates to create a UNASUR Network against Transnational Organized Crime among the agencies of the Member States of UNASUR.

WHEREAS:

1) The provisions of the Constitutive Treaty of the Union of South American Nations, in particular Article 3 (q), which establishes as one of the specific objectives the coordination between the specialized agencies of the Member States, taking into account international standards, is to strengthen the fight against terrorism, corruption, the world drug problem, trafficking, the illicit traffic in small and light weapons, transnational organized crime and other threats.


AWARE THAT

The growing action of the transnational organized crime entails new challenges that require simultaneous actions, coordinated and/or complementary activities in the region, with a view to reducing the negative impact of such crimes on the citizenship.
CONVINCED THAT

The South American Council in the area of Citizen Security, Justice and coordination of actions against Transnational Organized Crime aims at strengthening citizen security, justice and the coordination of actions to combat transnational organized crime in all its manifestations, taking into account the international instruments in this field, as well as national and sub regional features to consolidate South American integration.

AGREEING

In the convenience to generate an appropriate institutional framework in the area;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

What has been expressed above,

THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTERS OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONS,

RESOLVES:

1°) To Create

UNASUR´s Network against transnational organized crime in the framework of the domestic legislation of each State and in accordance with the international treaties that have been approved and ratified by the States, with the purpose of cooperating in a voluntary basis in the exchange of information, training, best practices, improving the efficiency of the countries in the fight against this type of crime in the region.

Caracas, November 24th, 2016.