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ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATION AND
CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES IN CYBERSPACE

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THE MEMBER STATES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE AGAINST
TERRORISM (CICTE) OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS), gathered at
the seventeenth regular session, held in Washington, D.C., on April 6 and 7, 2017,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that in CICTE/DEC. 1/16, member states expressed their
commitment to generate confidence-building measures that enhance international peace and security
and that increase cooperation, transparency, predictability and stability among States in the use of
cyberspace;

CONSIDERING the recommendations contained in the report of the UN Group of
Governmental Experts on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the
Context of International Security (UN GGE), presented at the UN General Assembly in 2010
(A/65/201), 2013 (A/68/98) and 2015 (A/70/174); and the need to promote compliance with their
recommendations at the regional level; and

RECOGNIZING that the Heads of State and of Government of Ibero-American countries
have highlighted that the cooperation between cybersecurity authorities of Ibero-American countries
could complement United Nations initiatives to promote the rules and principles of responsible
behavior of the States and Confidence-building Measures in the ICT security field and in the use of
them, using regional and multilateral cybersecurity forums, in order to generate synergies with
existing mechanisms and articulate efforts (Reference Document),

RESOLVES:

1. To establish a “Working Group on Cooperation and Confidence-Building Measures
in Cyberspace” that will prepare a set of draft confidence-building measures (CBMs), based on the
consensus reports of the United Nations Group of Governmental Experts (UN GGE) to enhance
interstate cooperation, transparency, predictability and stability and to reduce the risks of
misperception, escalation, and conflict that may stem from the use of ICTs, and report its advances
and activities to the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) and the Committee on Hemispheric Security of the OAS.

2. That this Working Group will be open to all OAS member state subject-matter experts.

3. That the CICTE Secretariat, through its Cybersecurity Program, will act as Technical Secretariat for this Working Group and will organize meetings within available financial and human resources.

4. That the first meeting of this Working Group will convene at OAS headquarters in Washington, D.C., subject to the availability of financial resources. During that first meeting, a chair and vice chair of the Working Group will be elected for a period of 12 months and a Work Plan will be prepared.