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Subject: **Coordination mechanism between the European Union and Latin  
America/Caribbean**

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Please find in annex the text resulting from the meeting of 19 November 1997 of the Troika including the Spanish delegation, in full association with the Commission and supported by the Council Secretariat, with delegations from Rio and San José groups.

## Coordination mechanism between the European Union with Latin America and the Caribbean

A coordination mechanism between the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean will be set up on the following basis:

- the mechanism operates simultaneously on two levels: regional and subregional
- the mechanism will be of an informal nature;
- the mechanism does not affect the activities pursued under the existing forms of cooperation with States in the region and it will avoid any overlap;
- parties will appoint their representatives in the mechanism;

### A. Regional level

- on the regional level the mechanism will be composed, on the one side, of the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the European Commission and the Member States most interested, and on the other side the Latin American and Caribbean countries concerned by the drugs issue with appropriate regional representation;
- the regional mechanism will meet once a year at the level of senior officials responsible for the fight against drugs and will be co-chaired by the Member State holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union in close association with the European Commission, and by a Latin American/Caribbean state. The secretariat for the mechanism will be provided by the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union;
- the mechanism's work will be closely linked to the existing structures at the subregional level;

- the regional mechanism will address the problem of drugs in all its entirety (production, trafficking, demand, precursors, money-laundering, etc.);
- the work will focus on general matters concerning the region as a whole, in particular interregional aspects of drug control cooperation, with due account being taken of the particular characteristics of the regional areas;

## **B. Subregional level**

### The Caribbean

Regional cooperation between EU Member States - CARIFORUM and other interested partners should continue in Barbados, under the auspices of the European Commission and UNDCP.

### Andean community

The dialogue initiated between the Andean Group (GRAN) and the European Union should continue at regular intervals in order to ensure practical follow-up to recommendations and to the technical assistance set up.

### Central America

A mechanism associated with the San José Group could be set up to facilitate dialogue and ensure follow-up to recommendations on drugs in this region.

### Others

If it proves appropriate to deal with the specific requirements of other countries, the creation of lightweight structures could be contemplated in order to optimize measures to combat drugs.

The operation of the mechanism will be assessed two years after its entry into force.

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