



I REPORT of the CENTER FOR STRATEGIC DEFENSE STUDIES to the VI ORDINARY MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE INSTANCE OF CDS

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The present report refers to the activities and products running by the CEED in execution of the WORK PLAN OF CEED-CDS 2012, approved by the Executive Instance on the Extraordinary Meeting held in Buenos Aires on November 29th of 2011.

The Work Plan established three AREAS of work:

1. Defense Policy, risk and threats to the regional security.
2. Institutionalization of the National Defense Systems.
3. Strategic foresight.

In these areas, the following initiatives have been developed

1. DEFENSE POLICY, RISK AND THREATS TO THE REGIONAL SECURITY

a) Defense and Security definitions in South America.

From *Preliminary Report* of the CEED to the South American Defense Council about the Terms of Reference for the Security and Defense concepts in South America, approved by the Executive Instance on November 29th 2011, in which establishes some definitions about Regional Security and Defense; identify issues to be agreed and make some recommendations for their treatment, the CEED, it have progress in:

1. Relate definitions contained in the *Preliminary Report* with those contained in other documents of UNASUR and CDS, in order to identify concepts and statements in order to integrate their content into the regional papers, having as fundamental



references: the Constitutive Treaty of UNASUR, the Statute, Act and Action Plans of the CDS, Confidence Measures, thematic meetings and other documents of UNASUR and the CDS.

2. Depuration and systematization of the information contained in the matrix of the countries to make a particularized review of them, to harmonize with the documents approved by UNASUR. This review with the Ministries of Defense of each country, is scheduled for the next two months

The outcome of these studies will be the subject of a *Document of regional security and defense definitions*; it will be taken under consideration of CDS.

b) Risk and threats at regional level.

The CEED's Plan foresees the elaboration of a *Risk and threats factors matrix and a Diagnosis of national and regional definitions Report*, with advice for common definitions and the treatment of differences.

Currently, we have partial information provided by the countries through reference matrix replied by the Ministries of Defense about the security and defense concepts, and another one regarding the Report about Regional Cooperation against the organized crime and other cross-border threats.

It is necessary to supplement and extend the information of the countries, which will be included in a complementary matrix, to work with the Ministries of Defense the issues referred in the preceding paragraph. Based on above and complementary information the CEED will proceed to develop a report to CDS.

The CEED has received information from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela; pending the information of Guyana.

In addition, the Pro-Tempore Secretary should send to CEED the information provided from the Ministries of Defense in the *Procedure of implementation of measures to promote confidence and security*.



c) Report of the CEED about Transnational Organized Crime and other new threats to the regional security

This task was incorporated into the CEED Work Plan and held upon request of the III Meeting of Ministers of Defense and the Special Meeting of Foreign Affairs Ministers of UNASUR, August 24th 2011 in Buenos Aires, in support the Meeting of Ministers of Defense, Justice and Home Affairs to be held in Cartagena de Indias, Republic of Colombia.

The Report which performed this requirement, drawn from the perspective of Regional Security and Defense, was delivered to the Pro-Tempore Presidency of the South American Defense Council for processing with the appropriate bodies of UNASUR and presented by the CEED under the title UNASUR and cooperation against transnational organized crime and cross-border crime, in the Preparatory Meeting of the Conference of Ministers of Defense, Justice, Home and Foreign Affairs, held in Bogota on February 16th, 2012.

That report, in essence, analyzed the regional situation where notes the absence of a specialized sectorial instance of cooperation in public security and the fight against transnational organized crime, and recommended the creation of a South American Public Security Council.

The contents of the CEED's Report were incorporated in the Act of the Preparatory Meeting and the Meeting of the Ministries of Defense, Justice, Home and Foreign Affairs held in Cartagena, Colombia, May 3 and 4th 2012, whose Declaration decide: *"Elevate as recommendation of the Council of Heads of State and Government of UNASUR, through the Council of Ministries of Foreign Affairs, the establishment of a Council with the purpose of enhance the cooperation in Civic Security, Justice and the coordination of actions against Transnational Organized Delinquency, looking forward to avoid duplication with other entities on UNASUR"*.



2. INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE SYSTEMS

The Work Plan of the CEED, derived from the Action Plan of the CDS, includes the elaboration of a Database about defense institutionalisation.

The CEED had received partial information from the countries; in that sense the delegates are completing this information for their registration, systematization and incorporation on the national documents database and physical archive.

This information is also part of *the Procedures of application of the measurements to promote confidence and security*, as appropriated, should the CDS Pro Tempore Secretary referred to the CEED.

3. FORESIGHT STUDY: SOUTH AMERICAN 2025

The Work Plan considers the elaboration of an integral study of the regional strategic activities and collective capabilities for sustainability, security and strategic defense of the region and its position in the International Security System.

The CEED is elaborating a matrix of reference of these issues to be sent to the countries as a basis for the preparation of the reference terms for the multidisciplinary specialized studies required for this regional job.

In a second stage it will include the study and validation of regional information for submission to the CDS. This phase depends on the implementation of the budget of CEED, in which is considered the study.

4. SOUTH AMERICAN DEFENSE EXPENDITURE REGISTER

CEED, as technical instance, is in charge of the reception, consolidation, publication, analysis and review of official information provided by the countries and the checking and/or updating of the methodology and the Register, for which CEED has set up an investigation and study work line in this matter, that had also been planned in the 2012 Work Plan.

CEED accomplished with the next procedures for the elaboration and presentation of the Register:



1. Reception of the information from the 12 member countries on the basis of the Common Methodology;
2. Information processing and validation in each country;
3. Regional consolidation of the information, through the elaboration of an integrated matrix to analyze and present the information;
4. Meeting with the Technical Group that was in charge of the elaboration of the Methodology (Buenos Aires, April 9th and 10th) to check if the information provided by the countries fulfill the methodology, to formulate recommendations to improve the Register and to elaborate the criterions for the regional consolidation of national information;
5. Systematize the information for its presentation to the CDS, according to the next criterions of consolidation and presentation:
 - a) Total defense expenditure in the region: taking into account its anual regional figure consolidated and accumulated for the period; and the annual variation rate during the five year period 2006-2010.
 - b) Relative Expense at regional level, in connection with the GDP, fiscal expenditure, population and number of troops;
 - c) Expense by Object divided in *Personnel, Operation and Maintenance, Investment and Investigation and Development*;
 - d) Expense by Executants Unit, considering *Ministries of Defense, branches of the armed forces, Joint Staffs and others*. For the national cases with important executants that are different from those established, give treatment to standardize the information and inform its specific composition.

A partial summary of the Register, in the form of an executive preview version, was presented in the Conference of Strategic Thinking in South America, organized by the Ministry of Defense of Ecuador, on May 10th and 11th 2012. This Conference involved the General Secretary of UNASUR and the Pro Tempore Presidency of CDS.

The complete report of the South American Defense Expenditure Register will be Asunción-Paraguay on June 6th 2012. From this presentation to the CDS, and with the further incorporation of



observations of the Defense Ministers, the final version will be elaborated in order to be published and uploaded in the institutional website.

5. DOCUMENTATION AND INFORMATION CENTER

The Database of CEED has the aim of systematize the information provided by the countries and its organization, as well as specialized databases and secondary sources: bibliographic, researches, scientific diffusion and reports of research centers.

At present, the CEED's Database is established and gradually updated with official information provided by the member countries. It has also been initiated the inquiry of information and secondary sources related to regional and international security and defense.

6. WEB PAGE

Its design and construction have been finished. Currently, the CEED received the great majority of the countries information. In addition, CEED has hired the space for its development.

Other activities included in the Work Plan will be initiated when CEED budget come into force.

a. Publications

1. Newsletter of Regional Defense and Security, based in official information for knowledge of the Ministries of Defense of the member countries (monthly).
2. Specialized publications by mandate of CDS.

b. Essay Contest in Defense and Security: UNASUR award in studies of regional defense and security. Annual event open to researchers and academics related to issues concerning CDS, annually established.



7. RUNNING, ADMINISTRATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Since its creation the CEED keeps, with the participation of the great majority of member countries, a permanent running and a wide activity expressed in the outputs that have been informed to CDS.

The countries with active delegates in CEED are: Argentina (2), Bolivia (1), Brazil (2), Chile (1), Colombia (1), Ecuador (1), Paraguay (1), Uruguay (1), and Venezuela (1). Delegates from Brazil, Colombia and Chile, have already been renewed. Meanwhile, Peru maintained 1 delegate until December 2011, and it has not been replaced yet. It's pending the designation of delegates from Surinam and Guyana.

The management of the CEED's Executive Direction, its administration, activities and production are being funded with national contributions from Argentina and Ecuador, until the budget come in force in January 2013.

Argentina's contribution has been assigned in human resources, infrastructure and administrative expenses for the running of the Seat in Patria Grande's Building as well as the travelling expenses of employees, in support tasks like the cases of technical assistance in Guyana, the encounter in Bogotá and the assistance to the meetings in Asuncion. Likewise, Ecuador's contribution has been assigned in Deputy Director's wage and travelling expenses.

The contributions from Argentinean Government in investment matter have been assigned at disposal for the implementation of the extension of CEED's seat in Vicente Lopez, under the basis of the approval of the refurbishment plan. The building work is delayed due to an administrative modification, which stipulated a change in the organism in charge of it that has already been solved.