The joint Belize – Guatemala Commission, with the participation of the General Secretariat of the OAS, met to comply with Articles 17 and 20, paragraph 1, of Section D of the Agreement on a Framework for Negotiations and Confidence-Building Measures between Belize and Guatemala dated September 7, 2005, as well with the Roadmap signed on January 24, 2014, which provides for the expansion and strengthening of cooperation mechanisms, including coordinated operations among security agencies to combat illegal activities and transnational crime.

## Agreed as follows:

Improve existing patrols and include joint coordinated military patrols.

Establish intelligence sharing mechanisms among the various security agencies.

Hold joint and periodic cross-sectorial meetings to address security issues.

In view of the success of the development projects in Monte de los Olivos, foster and promote similar projects in other communities.

Conduct joint visits to neighboring communities in Belize and Guatemala to convey the commitment of both parties to improve the quality of life and community safety and to strengthen the friendly relations between neighboring towns as well as to protect the environment.

Identify mechanisms for direct contact among the various agencies and military forces in order to establish direct, free-flowing and ongoing communications to coordinate preventative measures, as well as a rapid and effective responses in situations as necessary.

Belize and Guatemala pledge to improve cooperation in the areas of security, environmental protection and natural resources.

Guatemala reaffirmed its offer of cooperation to assist in the investigation of the most recent incidents.

Both parties pledged to keep all sectors of society, especially the media, informed in order to convey to their respective citizens the importance of strengthening bilateral relations and to clearly communicate the positive aspects of the bilateral relationship.

Both parties reiterated their previous commitment to prudently address issues related to bilateral relations in respect of public statements and official

communications in accordance with Annex C of the Agreement on a Framework for Negotiations and Confidence-Building Measures between Belize and Guatemala.

The representatives of the various agencies shall meet as soon as possible in order to identify and establish joint procedural protocols to promote better cooperation.

The OAS will facilitate and support the implementation of these activities and will seek to identify the funds needed to carry them out.

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Guatemala

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## Belize and Guatemala meeting Guatemala, October 10, 2014

During the meeting held among various authorities of the Governments of Belize and Guatemala, the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the OAS for the Territorial Dispute of Guatemala and Belize, and the Head of the Peace Fund today, October 10, 2014, the Superintendent of Belize, Marco Vidal and the Director General of Civil Intelligence of Guatemala, Manuel Alvarado, designated the points of contact that will maintain direct communications between intelligence agencies of the Government of Guatemala and of the Government of Belize.

At the same time, they agreed that a Guatemalan delegation of intelligence analysts will visit Belize on October 29, 2014 in order to exchange intelligence on transnational organized crime. Additionally, it was agreed that the Regional North Intelligence Headquarters located in the Department of Petén will establish direct contact with the intelligence section of Belize at strategic points close to the Adjacency Zone to share real information and take immediate operative action.

Lastly, the intelligence sector of Belize will share information on the incident occurred at the Caracol Archaeological Site for Guatemala to provide support in the investigation effort.

## Belize and Guatemala meeting Guatemala, October 10, 2014

As a result of the meeting between the Assistant Commissioner of Police Head National of Crime and Investigation of Belize and the Head of National Crime Investigation of Guatemala agreed:

To hold a meeting on the 28, October 2014 at 11:00 at a location pending to be confirmed by Belize authorities in order to establish a joint coordination work amongst the parties with the objective to prevent and investigate illicit acts. From Guatemala, the meeting will be attended by the Head of the North District of Petén, the Chief of the Melchor Mencos Substation and the Director of National Police. From Belize, the meeting will be attended by the Inspector of Investigation for San Ignacio, the Commanding Officer for Benque Viejo del Carmen and the Assistant Commissioner of Police Head National of Crime and Investigation.