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AGENDA

4th Meeting of the Great Lakes Judicial Cooperation Network (GLJCN) Brazzaville, the Republic of the Congo, 4-5 April 2019 Hôtel de la Concorde, Kintele

Day 1 – 4 April	
Time	Topic
08:00 – 09:00	Registration of participants
09:30 – 10:00	Welcoming remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Statement by Mr. Parek Toby Maduot, representative of the Executive Secretariat International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR)– Statement by Ms. Barbara Matasconi, representative of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region (O/SESG-GL)– Statement by Mr. Sandro Donati, representative of the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC)– Statement by Mr. Anthony Kwaku Ohemeng-Boamah, UN Resident Coordinator in the Republic of Congo– Opening statement by His Excellency Aime Ange Wilfrid Bininga, the Minister of Justice, Human rights and Promotion of Indigenous People of the Republic of Congo
10:00-10:15	Introduction of participants and presentation of the agenda <i>Facilitator: Mr. Sandro Donati, UNODC</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Break

10:30 – 12:30	<p>Progress made in prosecuting cases identified at the previous meetings</p> <p>Focal points will present progress made in prosecuting cases identified at the previous meetings and showcase actions taken since then</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Ms. Barbara Matasconi, O/SESG-GL</i></p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:15	<p>Tabling of new judicial cases related to the illicit trade of natural resources</p> <p>This part will focus on specific cases having a link to the illicit trade of natural resources that countries will have prepared in advance. Country focal points will present the causes for the case to be stalled; the specific actions needed to unblock them and by whom (country, focal point, specific authority etc.)</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Mr. Simon William M'viboudoulou, Prosecutor General of the Supreme Court, the Republic of Congo</i></p>
16:15 – 16:30	Break
16:30 – 17:30	<p>Closed-door sessions</p> <p>Following the discussions in plenary, countries who have expressed the need to have closed door sessions will meet in separate rooms to discuss specific aspects of cases prosecution.</p> <p>During this session, participants who did not opt for the closed-door sessions will have the opportunity to consult bilaterally with two support desks; with ICGLR regarding domestication of protocols and with UNODC regarding aspects related to Mutual Legal Assistance, extradition and capacity building of focal points.</p>
17:30	Summary of the day
18h00	Reception for participants and Diplomatic community
Day 2 – 5 April	
Time	Topic

8:30 – 10:30	<p>Sharing experiences on combating cross-border organized crime related to natural resources – the work of CAR Special Criminal Court</p> <p>This session will allow for representatives to discuss cases and to exchange experiences. The session will aim to strengthen the understanding of cross-border organized crime concerning natural resources and to come with recommendations for improved judicial cooperation and collaboration with relevant entities, including the SCC</p> <p><i>Presenter: Mr. Michel Ngokpou, Chief Investigative Judge, the Special Criminal Court of the Central African Republic</i></p>
10:30 – 10:45	<p>Break</p>
10:45-11:45	<p>Main initial points from an ongoing study on natural resources and transnational crimes in the Great Lakes regions.</p> <p><i>Presenter: Mr. Rupert Cook, UNODC consultant</i></p>
11:45-12:30	<p>Best practices in cross-border police cooperation and investigation methodology: addressing global aspects of criminal networks to secure effective prosecution</p> <p><i>Presenter: Mr. Steven Monaco, Transnational and Organized Crime Advisor, Representative of the UN Standing Police Capacity/Police Division (SPC/PD) of the Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions (OROLSI) at the Department of Peace Operations (DPO)</i></p>
12:30– 13:30	<p>Lunch</p>
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Group work: drafting a mutual legal assistance request relating to the illicit trade of natural resources</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Ms. Marion Ehalt, UNODC</i></p>
15:00 – 15:15	<p>Break</p>
15:15 – 16:15	<p>Assessing the operationalization of the Great Lakes Judicial Cooperation Network, challenges, opportunities and next steps</p> <p><i>Discussions will focus around the objectives of the network (those met, pending and upcoming), and the role of its focal points</i></p> <p><i>Facilitator: O/SESG-GL, ICGLR and UNODC</i></p>

16:15	<p>Conclusions, recommendations and next steps as captured in an outcome document</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Representative of O/SESG-GL and UNODC</i></p>
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