

HEMISPHERIC DRUG POLICY ANALYSIS

PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE:

"We, the region's leaders, held an invaluable discussion on the global drug problem. We agreed on the need to analyze the results of the current policy in the Americas and to explore new approaches to strengthen this struggle and to become more effective. We have issued the OAS a mandate to that end." President of Colombia, Juan Manuel Santos, [closing statement](#), Sixth Summit of the Americas.



SIXTH SUMMIT MANDATE:

To implement public policies in the realm of citizen security that make the human being their primary focus, within a framework of democratic order, the rule of law, and observance of human rights. (Citizen Security and Transnational Organized Crime)

ACTIONS:

- **Analytical report:** An evidence-based and thorough analysis of drug policies in the Americas will pinpoint the strengths, successes, weaknesses as well as current and future challenges in implementing policies. The study will consider a range of issues including the relationship between drugs and public health; socio-economic impact; security challenges including the nexus between drugs, violence and organized crime; production and supply of drugs, pharmaceutical and chemical precursors; and existing regulations and laws related to the drug issue.
- **Scenario report:** Based on the findings of the analysis, the scenario report will provide a comprehensive catalog of options around the drug issue that will be presented to governments for their consideration. Policy makers, stakeholders, leaders and experts will participate in and contribute to the elaboration of this report.
- **Publication of both reports:** April 2013.

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