Task Force on Victimization Surveys for Latin America and the Caribbean

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ANNEX QUESTIONNAIRE

Optional crimes

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Note: Optional crimes will be entirely of voluntary use and at the discretion of the authorities of each country. If any of the countries decide to include any of the optional crimes, it is recommended that the logic in this Annex is followed. The reason why they were deliberately left out of the core questionnaire is that they are not of the concern to all the countries in the region.

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SECTION A. THEFT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM VEHICLE

Screening questions (past 3 years)

A.01. In the past three (3) years, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year], have you or any member of your household owned a vehicle, truck or pick-up?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

(1) Yes
(2) No → *<< END SECTION A >>*
(99) Does not know / does not answer → *<< END SECTION A >>*

A.02. And in the past three (3) years, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year], has anyone stolen any item of your property from inside the vehicle, truck or pick-up?

<< INCLUDE OBJECTS SUCH AS RADIO, LENSES, BAGS, BACKPACKS, CELL PHONES, TABLETS, DISCS, SUITCASES, JEWELS, CLOCKS, MONEY>>

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

(1) Yes
(2) No → *<< END SECTION A >>*
(99) Does not know / does not answer → *<< END SECTION A >>*

Screening questions (past 12 months)

A.03. You mentioned that in the past three (3) years someone has stolen an item of your property from inside the vehicle, truck or pick-up. Could you tell me if this incident occurred during the past twelve (12) months, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year] or before that?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

(1) Yes, it happened in the past twelve (12) months
(2) No, it happened before that → *<< END SECTION A >>*
(99) Does not know / does not answer → *<< END SECTION A >>*

<< INDICATE HOW MANY TIMES THE RESPONDENT WAS VICTIM OF THIS CRIME OVER THE PAST TWELVE (12) MONTHS >>

A.04. How many times did it happen in the past twelve (12) months?

<< ENTER THE NUMBER OF TIMES >>

(97) Refuse to answer
(99) Does not know / does not answer

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<< IN CASE IT HAPPENED MORE THAN ONCE, EXPLORE THE 3 (THREE) LAST INCIDENTS, STARTING BY THE MOST RECENT ONE >>

<< GO ON WITH THE FOLLOWING CRIME THAT THE RESPONDENT SUFFERED IN THE PAST 3 YEARS >>

SECTION B. BICYCLE THEFT

[Note: If this section is included in the core questionnaire, you must ensure that the option "bicycle" is excluded from domestic burglary, robbery involving violence and robbery not involving violence (theft) sections]

Screening questions (past 3 years)

B.01. In the past three (3) years, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year], have you or any member of your household owned a bicycle?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

(1) Yes
(2) No → *<< END SECTION B >>*
(99) Does not know / does not answer → *<< END SECTION B >>*

B.02. And in the past three (3) years, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year], has anyone stolen from you or any other member of your household your bicycle?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

(1) Yes
(2) No → *<< END SECTION B >>*
(99) Does not know / does not answer → *<< END SECTION B >>*

Screening questions (past 12 months)

B.03. You mentioned that in the past three (3) years someone actually stole a bicycle from you or any other member of your household. Could you tell me if this incident occurred during the past twelve (12) months, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year] or before that?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

(1) Yes, it happened in the past twelve (12) months
(2) No, it happened before that → *<< END SECTION B >>*
(99) Does not know / does not answer → *<< END SECTION B >>*

<< INDICATE HOW MANY TIMES THE RESPONDENT WAS VICTIM OF THIS CRIME OVER THE PAST TWELVE (12) MONTHS >>

B.04. How many times did it happen in the past twelve (12) months?

<< ENTER THE NUMBER OF TIMES >>

(97) Refuse to answer
(99) Does not know / does not answer

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<< IN CASE IT HAPPENED MORE THAN ONCE, EXPLORE THE 3 (THREE) LAST INCIDENTS, STARTING BY THE MOST RECENT ONE >>

<< GO ON WITH THE FOLLOWING CRIME THAT THE RESPONDENT SUFFERED IN THE PAST 3 YEARS >>

SECTION C. VANDALISM

Screening questions (past 3 years)

C.01. In the past three (3) years, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year], has anyone deliberately damaged any part of any building belonging to your household, or any vehicle, machine or other equipment belonging to your household?

<< FOR EXAMPLE, INCLUDE DAMAGE FOR USING THINGS WITH FORCE, ARSON, GRAFFITI. DO NOT INCLUDE DAMAGE AS A CONSEQUENCE OF OTHER TYPE OF CRIMES, SUCH AS DOMESTIC BURGLARY OR VEHICLE, TUCK OR PICK-UP THEFT >>

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

(1) Yes
(2) No → *<< END SECTION C >>*
(99) Does not know / does not answer → *<< END SECTION C >>*

Screening questions (past 12 months)

C.02. You mentioned that in the past three (3) years someone deliberately damaged any part of any building belonging to your household, or any vehicle, machine or other equipment belonging to your household

Could you tell me if this incident occurred during the past twelve (12) months, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year] or before that?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

(1) Yes, it happened in the past twelve (12) months
(2) No, it happened before that → *<< END SECTION C >>*
(99) Does not know / does not answer → *<< END SECTION C >>*

<< INDICATE HOW MANY TIMES THE RESPONDENT WAS VICTIM OF THIS CRIME OVER THE PAST TWELVE (12) MONTHS >>

C.03. How many times did it happen in the past twelve (12) months?

<< ENTER THE NUMBER OF TIMES >>

(97) Refuse to answer
(99) Does not know / does not answer

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<< IN CASE IT HAPPENED MORE THAN ONCE, EXPLORE THE 3 (THREE) LAST INCIDENTS, STARTING BY THE MOST RECENT ONE >>

<< GO ON WITH THE FOLLOWING CRIME THAT THE RESPONDENT SUFFERED IN THE PAST 3 YEARS >>

SECTION D. HOMICIDE

Screening questions (past 7 years)

<< EXPLAIN>> **Now, I would like to ask you a few questions about the members of your household who are no longer with you. We are aware that these questions are difficult to answer and that may bring deep memories of people close to you. Please, take into consideration that all the information you will give us is entirely confidential and will help to design preventive measures against violence and crime in the future.**

[Note: for this crime, the framework of the reference period must be extended (from 3 to 7 years) in order to collect data over a longer reference period and allow the respondent to discharge emotionally]

D.01. Could you tell me if during the past seven (7) years, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year], has any of your household members died?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

(1)	**Yes**		
(2)	**No**	→	*<< END SECTION D >>*
(99)	Does not know / does not answer	→	*<< END SECTION D >>*

D.02. And of that/those members of your household who died during the past seven (7) years, did any of them die as a result of an external or violent force?

(1)	**Yes**		
(2)	**No**	→	*<< END SECTION D >>*
(97)	Refuse to answer	→	*<< END SECTION D >>*
(99)	Does not know / does not answer	→	*<< END SECTION D >>*

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Screening questions of number of victims and household membership

D.02a. Could you tell me how many household members died during the past seven (7) years, as a result of an external or violent force? *<< ENTER THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS >>* *<< DO NOT INCLUDE RELATIVES THAT DID NOT LIVE IN THE HOUSEHOLD >>* (97) Refuse to answer (99) Does not know / does not answer → |___|___|	**D.02b. Could you tell me if** (VICTIM NUMBER) **lived and shared provisions in this household, during the past twelve (12) months before his/her death?** *<< ENTER THE CORRESPONDING CODE TO EACH OPTION >>* **(1) Yes** **(2) No** (99) Does not know / does not answer } *<< GO TO THE NEXT VICTIM >>* **Homicide victim 1**……. |___| **Homicide victim 2**……. |___| **Homicide victim 3**……. |___| **Homicide victim 4**……. |___| **Homicide victim 5**……. |___| *<< APPLY CHARACTERIZATION MODULE ONLY FOR THOSE VICTIMS WHO HAVE BEEN PART OF THE HOUSEHOLD DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD (CODE 1 IN D.02b) >>*

SECTION E. KIDNAPPING

Screening questions (past 3 years)

E.01. In the past three (3) years, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year], have you or any other member of your household been retained against your/his/her will or illegally, <u>with the aim of demanding money or any other form of financial gain for your/his/her freeing</u>?

<< <u>INCLUDE</u> ONLY THOSE HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS THAT LIVED IN THE HOUSEHOLD. DO NOT INCLUDE FAMILY MEMBERS THAT LIVED OUT OF THE HOUSEHOLD NOR CHILD ABDUCTIONS RESULTING FROM CHILD CUSTODY VIOLATIONS >>

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

(1)	**Yes**	
(2)	**No**	→ *<< END SECTION E >>*
(97)	Refuse to answer	→ *<< END SECTION E >>*
(99)	Does not know / Does not answer	→ *<< END SECTION E >>*

Screening questions of number of victims and number of times he/she suffered the crime in the past 3 years

E.02. You mentioned that in the past three (3) years you or any other member of your household had been retained against your/his/her will or illegally, with the aim of demanding money or any other form of financial gain for your/his/her freeing.

E.02a. Could you tell me how many household members suffered from this incident in this period: [month/year] and [month/year]? *<< ENTER THE NUMBER >>* *<< DO NOT INCLUDE FAMILY MEMBERS THAT LIVED OUT OF THE HOUSEHOLD NOR CHILD ABDUCTIONS RESULTING FROM CHILD CUSTODY VIOLATIONS>>* (97) Refuse to answer (99) Does not know → |___|___|	**E.02b. Of the members that you just mentioned, including you, could you tell me if** (NUMBER OF VICTIM) **lived and shared the provisions in this household when the kidnapping happened?** *<< ENTER THE CORRESPONDING CODE TO EACH OPTION >>* **(1) Yes** **(2) No** (99) Does not know / Does not answer *<< GO TO THE NEXT VICTIM >>* → **Kidnapping victim 1**..... |___| **Kidnapping victim 2**..... |___| **Kidnapping victim 3**..... |___| **Kidnapping victim 4**..... |___| **Kidnapping victim 5**..... |___|	**E.02c. And during the past three (3) years, how many times did** (VICTIM NUMBER) **suffer from kidnapping?** *<< ENTER THE NUMBER >>* (97) Refuse to answer (99) Does not know ..... |___|___| ..... |___|___| ..... |___|___| ..... |___|___| ..... |___|___| *<< IN CASE IT HAPPENED MORE THAN ONCE, EXPLORE THE 3 (THREE) LAST INCIDENTS, STARTING BY THE MOST RECENT ONE >>* *<< APPLY CHARACTERIZATION MODULE ONLY FOR THOSE VICTIMS WHO HAVE BEEN PART OF THE HOUSEHOLD DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD (CODE 1 IN E.02b) >>* *<< WHEN THE SAME PERSON HAS BEEN RETAINED AGAINST HIS/HER WILL MORE THAN ONCE, COMPLETE A CHARACTERIZATION MODULE FOR EACH TIME IT HAPPENED >>*

SECTION F. ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

[It is suggested to include this section at the end of the questionnaire, as for closing the interview]

Finally, I would like to end the interview by asking your opinion regarding the use of firearms in our community.

F.01. I will ask you to think about five (5) households close to yours (district, village, or town), those ones that you know well and with which you have a close relationship. (It means that you regularly exchange points of view about everyday life, but they are not your relatives). If you wish, you can take notes in order to remember them later on.

<< PROVIDE THE RESPONDENT A PIECE PAPER AND ENOUGH TIME TO THINK AND TAKE NOTES. IT IS ALLOWED THAT THE RESPONDENT MENTIONS LESS THAN FIVE (5) HOUSEHOLDS >>

How many households did you write down or in how many households did you think?

<< ENTER THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS >>

(97) …… Refuse to answer
(99) …… Does not know

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<< IF THE ANSWER IS = 00 OR 97OR 99, GO TO F.04 >>

F.02. From what you know, how many of these households do you think have guns or other firearms in their dwellings?

<< ONLY ONE ANSWER IS VALID. MAKE SURE THAT THE RESPONDENT ANSWERS ACCORDINGLY WITH THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS IDENTIFIED IN THE PREVIOUS QUESTION >>

<< ENTER THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS >>

(97) …… Refuse to answer
(99) …… Does not know

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<< IF THE ANSWER IS = 00 OR 97 OR 99, GO TO F.04 >>

F.03. And among these neighboring households, which you think have guns, how many of them do you know directly that have guns in their household, either because they have told you so personally, or because you have seen them?

<< ENTER THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS >>

(97) …… Refuse to answer
(99) …… Does not know

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<< IF THE ANSWER IS = 00 OR 97 OR 99, GO TO F.04 >>

F.04. And in the past twelve (12) months, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year], how often have you seen people with guns or other firearms in your neighborhood, excluding the police or armed forces?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

(1) Daily or almost daily
(2) Sometimes a week
(3) Sometimes per month
(4) Sometimes a year
(5) Rarely / almost never
(6) Never
(99) Does not know / does not answer

F.05. And from the following behaviors, could you tell me which ones seem acceptable to you and which ones inacceptable?

<< ENTER AN "X" IN THE CORRESPONDING CODE FOR EACH OPTION >>

		Acceptable	**Not sure**	**Unacceptable**	Does not know/ does not answer
(1)	**Using a gun or firearm to celebrate**	1 |___|	2 |___|	3 |___|	99 |___|
(2)	**Owning a gun or firearm to protect your family**	1 |___|	2 |___|	3 |___|	99 |___|
(3)	**An ordinary citizen carrying a gun or firearm in public**	1 |___|	2 |___|	3 |___|	99 |___|
(4)	**Selling guns or firearms in the black market**	1 |___|	2 |___|	3 |___|	99 |___|
(5)	**Selling guns or firearms to children under 18**	1 |___|	2 |___|	3 |___|	99 |___|

<< EXPLAIN >> **Nowadays, security is a major concern in [country] and certain people have guns in their homes in order to protect themselves and their family from potential dangers or for other use.**

F.06. In your opinion, the availability of a gun in an ordinary household contributes to a higher sense of security against delinquency?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

(1) Yes
(2) No
(97) Refuse to answer
(99) Does not know

F.07. Do you or any other household member have a gun, hunting rifle or any other type of firearm?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

(1) Yes
(2) No → *<< END SECTION F >>*
(97) Refuse to answer → *<< END SECTION F >>*
(99) Does not know → *<< END SECTION F >>*

F.08. How many guns or other firearms do you have in your household?

<< ENTER THE NUMBER OF FIREARMS >>

97…… Refuse to answer
99…… Does not know

|___|___|

F.09. Could you tell me what type of firearm do you or any other household member have?

<< MULTIPLE RESPONSES ARE ALLOWED: CIRCLE THE CORRESPONDING CODES >>

(1) Handgun (pistol, revolver)
(2) Hunting gun (hunting pistol, ammunition rifle)
(3) Non-automatic rifle
(4) Semi-automatic rifle
(5) Automatic rifle
(88) Other (specify) _____
(97) Refuse to answer → *<< END SECTION F >>*
(99) Does not know → *<< END SECTION F >>*

F.10. For what reason(s) do you or any other household member have a firearm?

<< MULTIPLE RESPONSES ARE ALLOWED: CIRCLE THE CORRESPONDING CODES >>

(1) For hunting
(2) Target shooting
(3) As part of a collection
(4) Crime prevention / personal protection
(5) For being a member of the armed forces, police, or other private security company
(6) For custom or tradition
(7) Because it has always been in the family / household
(97) Refuse to answer
(99) Does not know

[Note: Alternative wording of question F01, in case countries would want to try it in a pilot test]

F.01. Can I ask you to think about how many households close to your dwelling you know well and with which you have a close relationship? (This means that they are walkable from yours and that you regularly exchange points of view about everyday life).

<< IF YOU ARE ASKED, SPECIFY THAT "HOUSEHOLD" IS DEFINED AS A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO SHARE THE SAME ADDRESS AND SHARE THE PROVISIONS >>

<< ENTER THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS >>

97…… Refuse to answer
99…… Does not know

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<< IF THE ANSWER IS = 00 OR 99 OR 97, GO TO F.04 >>

END OF THE ANNEX QUESTIONNAIRE