

Minute of the meeting

Topic	National Technical Meeting on the Measurement of Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs)				
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1	The background and objectives of the pilot were presented in accordance with indicator 16.4.1 of the UN Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, i.e to estimate the "total value of inward and outward illicit financial flows" (IFFs). This is a joint exercise with four participating countries (Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru) whose results will be shared among the party institutions.
2	The CoE presented: (i) the conceptual framework for measuring IFFs (ii) methodologies for measuring IFFs related to illicit drug trafficking and smuggling of migrants. (iii) The results of the measurements of both illicit markets. (iv) The information to be reviewed and obtained in order to improve the measurement of IFFs related to illicit drug trafficking in Mexico.
3	The information mentioned in the previous point was addressed: (i) the issue of opium gum prices needed to measure the net IFFs of the illicit heroin trade (ii) the quantities of chemical inputs to process morphine and heroin, the identification of those imported, as well as their respective prices to measure the outgoing IFFs from the illicit heroin trade (iii) identification of the quantities consumed (individual doses), the expenses incurred by users and the purity to estimate the size of the retail market. Such information would allow measuring the total value of illicit revenues
4	The possibility of strengthening the measurement of FFI related to the drug market was discussed, based on its identification of different sources of information that have not been explored by the pilot, among others, those referred to in the previous point.
5	The FIU expressed its willingness to share with the CoE financial intelligence products that could be used to explore a measurement of IFFs related to the management of illicit proceeds.
6	CONADIC indicated the possibility of supporting the pilot by carrying out a survey to measure the amounts consumed and the expenses incurred by the users, applicable to a sample of those served by the Primary Care Centers for Addictions.
7	From the Federal Police, there is qualitative information about the drug market, particularly from the operations carried out. Such information could be of interest to interpret the results of measurements about the modus vivendi and operations of organized crime.
8	The important difference between the estimate of inward and outward IFFs related to smuggling of migrants was highlighted. Therefore, it was proposed to measure the inward flows to the U.S. that do not pass through Mexico from payments made by migrants at their place of origin, in Mexico and the U.S. to cross the border between Mexico and the U.S.
9	The CEM indicated that the results of the EMIF 2019 will be presented on April 22nd. Additionally, approximately mid-year, CEM will have a research on coyotaje, payment estimates and crossing locations ready.
10	The FIU indicated the close relationship between the smuggling of migrants and trafficking in persons markets, which can be explored by the pilot through follow-up with institutions that combat human trafficking.
11	The CoE is preparing a report on the measurement results of IFFs in the pilot countries, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru. This report will be shared with the UN Statistics Division as well as with the participating countries. It is expected to be ready in approximately August this year.