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## **Grenada's Commissioner of Police Chairs OAS Counter-Terrorism Meeting**

**Embassy of Grenada, Washington, D. C. March 18, 2011** Grenada is presiding a one day meeting of national experts on counter-terrorism at the Organization of American States (OAS). Commissioner of Police, James Clarkson, Grenada's National Point of Contact to the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism, opened the meeting calling on all member states "to move in a positive direction of strengthening cooperation in the fight against terrorism." Experts from throughout the hemisphere are gathered at the annual forum to exchange ideas on ways to enhance technical cooperation to bolster states' security regimes. Also being discussed is the terrorist threat to civil aviation and the work of the United Nations on weapons of mass destruction.

Grenada's Ambassador to the OAS, Gillian Bristol, presented the country's expectation that the discussions will lead to the creation of a secure network for the confidential sharing of information, best practices and expertise in combating terrorism. This was echoed by experts from the Bahamas and Antigua and Barbuda.

The Committee, created in 1998 to prevent, combat and eliminate terrorism, held its eleventh annual meeting yesterday, and was chaired by Grenada's Foreign Minister, the Hon. Karl Hood. The Minister was in Washington DC to assume the Chairmanship of the Committee and to hold bilateral meetings with senior officials of the United States Government at the Department of State, Department of Commerce and Congress.