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## **ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH CONVENED 1ST DIALOGUE WITH 7 CENTRAL AMERICAN**

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**USPA NEWS** - Today, Attorney General Lynch convened the first ever “Dialogue” with the Attorneys General of all seven Central American nations: Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama.

-----DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE EIGHT ATTORNEYS TO ENHANCE COORDINATION AGAINST CRIME AND TERRORISM-----

A Department of Justice official released the following background statement at the conclusion of Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch’s meeting with Attorneys General from all Central American nations:

The goal of the Dialogue is to strengthen law enforcement cooperation against the threats common to all our countries.

The Attorneys General discussed enhanced coordination against transnational cartels, gangs and terrorists; the Dialogue also focused on the rapidly rising issue of cybercrime and the persistent problem of human trafficking and smuggling. Attorney General Lynch and her counterparts agreed that this meeting was only a first step and that these vital discussions would continue, so as to enhance citizen security both in Central America and the U.S.

Here is the composition of the delegation :

Belize: Wilfred Peter Elrington, Attorney General and Minister of Foreign Affairs

Costa Rica: Jorge Chavarria Guzman, Attorney General

El Salvador: Luis Antonio Martinez Gonzalez, Attorney General

Guatemala: Thelma Aldana Hernandez, Attorney General

Honduras: Oscar Fernando Chinchilla Banegas, Attorney General

Nicaragua: Ana Julia Guido Ochoa, Attorney General

Panama: Kenia Porcell De Alvarado, Attorney General

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