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Opportunities, Challenges, and Required Capabilities in the Americas

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Key Missions – S&T Focus

- Countering Illicit Trafficking
- Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief
- Peace Support Operations



Illicit Trafficking – The Challenge

- Dense Jungle Foliage
- Riverine Basin
- Broad Open Ocean
- Littoral Areas
- Urban Centers





Countering Illicit Trafficking: Source Zone



- Jungle Environment
- Adaptive, Well-funded Adversaries
- Limited Infrastructure



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Peace Support Operations



- Information Sharing
- Regional Cooperation
- Interoperability

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