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THE GLOBAL ANTI-COUNTERFEITING AWARDS 2018

It is my honour and privilege to inform you that the judges for the 2018 GAC Awards have made an **Honourable Mention** of Intellectual Property, Money Laundering and Drug Trafficking Division of the National Customs of Uruguay in the category 'National Public Bodies'.

The nomination, in summary, noted that the Division of Intellectual Property, Money Laundering and Drug Trafficking of the Uruguayan Customs, led by Mr. Gabriel Marichal, has developed excellent operations in relation to the fight against counterfeiting, not only relevant for Uruguay, but for the region, since the port of Montevideo has a key position of entry to the continent. In addition, they have been innovative in combat strategies and prevention of infractions through the internet, stopping networks of counterfeits that operated using postal items.

Their joint work with the Chamber against Smuggling and Piracy (CAPLYC), and constant training throughout the country have been an invaluable contribution to the regional fight against counterfeiting.

Yours sincerely