FINAL REPORT

MEETING OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS

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Meeting of Group of Experts

- May 31 to June 2, 2004
- Brasilia, Brazil
- Twenty-one experts
- Fourteen countries
Participating Member States

Antigua and Barbuda  Haiti
Argentina        Honduras
Bahamas          Jamaica
Barbados         Mexico
Belize           Nicaragua
Bolivia          Panamá
Brasil           Paraguay
Canada           Peru
Chile            República Dominicana
Colombia         San Kittts and Nevis
Costa Rica       Saint Lucia
Dominica         Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Ecuador          Suriname
El Salvador       Trinidad and Tobago
Grenada          United States
Guatemala        Uruguay
Guyana

Working Sessions

- Model Reference Guide for Health Professionals: Prevention and Detection of Abuse of Narcotics and Controlled Substances and Their Diversion to Illicit Channels (Canada and Uruguay).
- Mechanisms to Strengthen Inspections and Investigations related to the Control of Pharmaceutical Products
- Mechanisms to Strengthen Communication and Coordination in the Control of Pharmaceutical Products
- Best Practices to Overcome Impediments to the Effective Application of Regulations and Control Systems
- Internet Sales of Pharmaceutical Products
Recommendations

1. That the Commission accept the Model Reference Guide for Health Professionals: Prevention and Detection of Abuse of Narcotics and Controlled Substances and Their Diversion to Illicit Channels

2. Direct that the Group of Experts meet during 2005 to execute the following plan of action:
   • prepare and finalize a draft Model Guide for Industry regarding the Control of Pharmaceutical Products (Colombia and Costa Rica)
   • prepare an outline of basic elements to strengthen capacity for inspection and investigation concerning pharmaceutical products (USA)

Recommendations

That the Commission direct the Executive Secretariat to:

– Compile information regarding the availability of guides, manuals and other instruments concerning the monitoring, inspection and investigation of pharmaceutical drug distribution
– Determine which member states have implemented computerized systems to control the national distribution and use of pharmaceutical products and post this information to the CICAD web page.
– Consult with international bodies such as United Nations, Interpol and others regarding Internet sale of drugs and what they are doing to deal with this emerging problem and training activities that might be adapted for use with member states
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