DEMAND REDUCTION  
EXPERT GROUP:  
PROPOSED WORK PLAN 2003
DEMAND REDUCTION EXPERT GROUP

Thirty-second regular session of CICAD

- MEM reports show drug treatment as an area that needs reinforcement
- Fourth Demand Reduction Expert Group meeting (Jamaica, Aug. 2001) recommended improving quality care in drug treatment through accreditation, and training and certification of treatment professionals
PROPOSED WORK PLAN 2003

Development of practice guidelines & treatment protocols for counsellors & medical directors

- Build on existing materials (e.g. American Society of Addiction Medicine, American Psychiatric Association, Peru’s manual, etc.)
- Use experience of member states in developing basic standards of care in drug treatment
PROPOSED WORK PLAN 2003

- Secretariat will work with small task force to develop an outline of the practice guidelines
- Task force will meet in Washington 2-3 times early in 2003 to begin drafting
- Subsequent task force communications will be by e-mail and teleconferencing
- Draft ready by September 2003

PROPOSED WORK PLAN 2003

- Draft circulated to members of Expert Group in Demand Reduction
- Expert Group meets November/December 2003
- For this meeting, members of the Expert Group should be treatment experts
- Early 2004, draft again circulated for comment
- Report to CICAD in Spring 2004 session
OUTCOME

- Practice guidelines reviewed by Expert Group in Demand Reduction would be a standard for treatment providers in member states
- Governments would be able to establish monitoring system on how guidelines are applied
- Will help governments set up an accreditation process