

**RECOMMENDATION 1:**

FINALIZE ITS NATIONAL PLAN AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. IN THIS REGARD, IT IS NOTED THAT CICAD CONSULTANTS ARE CURRENTLY ASSISTING IN THIS EXERCISE, WHICH BARBADOS EXPECTS TO CONCLUDE BY 2001

According to the Government, the final draft of the National Anti-Drug Plan was completed in October 2001; Barbados expresses appreciation to CICAD for the assistance in developing this document.

CICAD recognizes the progress made by the country and is confident that this plan will be adopted as quickly as possible.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

INCORPORATE AN EVALUATION SYSTEM INTO THE NATIONAL ANTI-DRUG PLAN TO ANALYZE, MONITOR AND INTERPRET INFORMATION ON THE PROCESSES, EFFECTS AND IMPACT OF INTERVENTIONS IN DEMAND AND SUPPLY REDUCTION AND CONTROL MEASURES

Barbados reports that, although there is still no evaluation system in place, such a mechanism is an integral part of the draft National Anti-Drug Plan and the country plans to create an oversight committee for the evaluation system once it is in place.

CICAD recognizes the efforts made by the government of Barbados to fulfill this recommendation, and invites the government to continue to implement it.

RECOMMENDATION 3:

SIGN AND RATIFY THE FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS:

- THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION.
- THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS.
- THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST THE ILLICIT MANUFACTURING OF AND TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS, AMMUNITIONS, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS

Barbados reports that with respect to signature and ratification of the three Inter-American Conventions, it expects to be in full compliance within the next year.

Based upon the information provided by the country, CICAD urges Barbados to sign and ratify the Conventions as soon as possible.

CICAD maintains the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 4:

DEVELOP AND APPLY AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM FOR THE COLLECTION, ANALYSIS AND MAINTENANCE OF STATISTICS AND DOCUMENTS AND CONSIDER SUPPORT BY MEANS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, IF NECESSARY

Barbados reports that it has asked for help from CICAD for a training workshop prior to the establishment of an integrated system for the collection, analysis, and maintenance of counter narcotics statistics and documents. Barbados indicates that it would use the workshop as a stimulus for creating an effective interagency sharing system.



Notwithstanding what is stated above, CICAD considers that additional efforts should be made in order to comply with the recommendation. Therefore the recommendation stands.

RECOMMENDATION 5:

IMPLEMENT FULLY THE PLAN OF ACTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION OF THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION

Barbados reports that its National Drug Commission has implemented in all spheres of its activities the UN Declaration of the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction, fully implementing this recommendation.

CICAD expresses its satisfaction for the fulfillment of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 6:

ENHANCE AND FORMALIZE EXISTING PROGRAMS IN THE AREAS OF PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION WITH MINIMUM STANDARDS AND STRATEGIES THAT CAN BE EVALUATED

Barbados informs that it has incorporated drug prevention treatment and rehabilitation programs into its draft National Anti-Drug Plan and has assigned the Ministry of Health the job of defining minimum standards of care for all treatment facilities consistent with the UN Guiding Principles.

Barbados did not supply any details in response to this recommendation and CICAD encourages Barbados to fully comply with it.

The recommendation stands.

RECOMMENDATION 7:

IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM OF DATA COLLECTION TO DETERMINE THE ANNUAL INCIDENCE OF NEW DRUG USERS

Barbados states that computer software provided by CICAD has already been installed. With respect to the recommendation to produce baseline data on the annual incidence of new drug users, the country indicates that this data should be available by the end of 2001.

CICAD recognizes the progress made and urges Barbados to fully implement this recommendation, as stated, by the end of 2001.

RECOMMENDATION 8:

ESTABLISH REGULAR EVALUATIONS OF TREATMENT AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Barbados reports that its program for regular and necessary evaluations of treatment and prevention programs, will be incorporated into the Ministry of Health's minimum standards. Implementation of this activity is tied to the approval of the National Anti-Drug Plan.

CICAD expects implementation of this recommendation as soon as the National Plan is adopted.

**RECOMMENDATION 9:****IMPLEMENT MECHANISMS FOR DETERMINING THE EXISTENCE OF ILLICIT CULTIVATION AND POTENTIAL PRODUCTION CAPACIT.**

Barbados indicates that, to gain a better understanding of the level of illicit cultivations in Barbados, as well as illegal drug production, the police in Barbados are working to improve their intelligence-gathering capability especially through the development of a network of informants. An important aspect of this endeavor has been an increase in joint interdiction patrols between the Barbados police and military.

CICAD recognizes the steps taken by Barbados to comply with this recommendation and urges the country to continue following up the identification of illicit crops to prevent their expansion.

RECOMMENDATION 10:**DEVELOP A MECHANISM FOR HANDLING PRE-EXPORT NOTIFICATIONS**

Barbados did not respond to this recommendation.

CICAD reiterates the need to comply with this recommendation, which refers to Article 12 of the Vienna Convention of 1988.

RECOMMENDATION 11:**STRENGTHEN ITS MECHANISM TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ITS LEGAL, REGULATORY AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE CONTROL OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES AND PHARMACEUTICALS**

Barbados indicates that it recognizes that additional information on its legal, regulatory and institutional framework for the control of chemical substances and pharmaceuticals is still not available.

CICAD encourages the country to comply with this recommendation at the earliest time possible.

RECOMMENDATION 12:**ESTABLISH A MECHANISM OR AUTHORITY THAT CONDUCTS INTERAGENCY COORDINATION AND INFORMATION EXCHANGES AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL ON FIREARMS, AMMUNITIONS, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS**

Barbados reports that there is an established mechanism in place among the Barbados police and US law enforcement agencies. Barbados did not describe in detail its coordinating mechanism for exchanging information. No information was supplied about exchange of information in this area, among agencies in Barbados or with countries other than the United States.

CICAD recognizes the progress made by Barbados in complying with this recommendation and encourages Barbados to continue to fully comply with the recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 13:**

CREATE A MECHANISM OR THAT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS CONVICTED FOR ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING AND THE NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE DRUG TRAFFICKING CASES

Barbados reports that it has completed all requirements for this recommendation and that concrete mechanisms are in place to provide information on drug-related arrests and information on drug trafficking cases.

CICAD expresses its satisfaction on the fulfillment of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 14:

DEVELOP THE CAPACITY TO ESTIMATE HUMAN, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC COSTS OF ITS DRUG PROBLEM

Barbados has shown progress on this recommendation by conducting two baseline surveys as initial steps in a lengthy process to determine its human, social and economic costs of the national drug problem.

CICAD concludes that for this recommendation to be implemented, it will be necessary to devise a project addressing the methodological bases for conducting a study of the social, human, and economic costs of the drug problem.

Accordingly, in the first half of 2002 CICAD, together with states in the Hemisphere that have progressed in this area, will present a proposed basic and homogeneous methodology applicable to all countries.

FINAL COMMENT

Based upon the information provided, it is clear that Barbados has made an effort to implement the MEM recommendations by seeking to incorporate them into its national policies. CICAD commends Barbados for establishing specific deadlines for full implementation of recommendations. However, CICAD urges Barbados to advance its timetable for providing information on how it does or will control chemical precursors. Moreover, efforts to advance national law enforcement intelligence gathering abilities should be directly linked to concrete interdictions of drugs and traffickers.