

**RECOMMENDATION 1:****INCORPORATE A SUSTAINED EVALUATION SYSTEM INTO ALL STAGES OF THE NATIONAL ANTI-DRUG MASTER PLAN (2000-2004) TO PERMIT THE ANALYSIS, MONITORING, AND INTERPRETATION OF INFORMATION ON THE PROCESSES, EFFECTS, AND IMPACT OF INTERVENTIONS IN DEMAND AND SUPPLY REDUCTION, AND CONTROL MEASURES**

Dominica reports that compliance with this recommendation will occur at the close of the fiscal year on June 30, 2002. It also expresses the need for technical assistance to develop evaluation systems.

CICAD expresses the need to fully comply with this recommendation and hopes that Dominica will make the pertinent arrangements for compliance in the time frames indicated.

RECOMMENDATION 2:**RATIFY THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS, THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION, AND THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST THE ILLICIT MANUFACTURING OF AND TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS**

Dominica reports that the Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, the Inter-American Convention against Corruption, and the Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, and other Related Materials have been ratified.

CICAD views with satisfaction the fulfillment of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 3:**DEVELOP AND APPLY AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM FOR THE COLLECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATISTICS, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A NATIONAL INITIATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

Dominica reports that it is creating a data collection system using all sources at the national level, which will be implemented no later than June 30, 2002. It also stated that the First National Survey on consumption was scheduled for October 2001.

Additionally, the country reports that it is preparing a system to collect data that will be discussed with Police, Prisons, Customs, Probation and Health Officials.

CICAD recognizes the progress made and encourages Dominica to continue with its efforts to fully comply with the recommendation in the time frames indicated.

RECOMMENDATION 4:**ADOPT THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION AND ITS PLAN OF ACTION**

Dominica reports that the government has ratified the United Nations Declaration.

With regard to the above, CICAD infers that Dominica has implemented the recommendation. However, CICAD would appreciate clarification on whether or not the country has adopted the guiding principles of demand reduction into its 5 year National Strategy.

**RECOMMENDATION 5:****IMPLEMENT THE DEMAND REDUCTION STRATEGY**

Dominica reports that implementation of the demand reduction strategy is in progress and that the latter forms part of the Five-year National Strategy 1999-2004. It also reports that, to date, the Government of Dominica has funded all programs related to this strategy, but that it is awaiting approval of financial assistance from the European Commission, for its full implementation.

The country indicates substantial problems related to inadequate staffing, training and equipment, which will be overcome through its own efforts and the international technical assistance which is pending approval.

CICAD recognizes the progress made and encourages Dominica to continue with its efforts in order to overcome its indicated problems.

RECOMMENDATION 6:**IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM OF DATA COLLECTION TO DETERMINE THE ANNUAL INCIDENCE, PREVALENCE AND TRENDS IN USE AND TYPES OF DRUGS WITHIN THE GENERAL POPULATION**

Dominica reports that data collection is included in the Five-year National Strategy and that it currently is conducting the first National Secondary School Survey. It identifies substantial problems that could be surmounted through its own efforts and with financial and technical assistance from the international community.

CICAD recognizes the progress made and encourages Dominica to continue with its efforts to fully comply with the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 7:**DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT MECHANISMS TO ESTIMATE THE AREA IN USE FOR ILLICIT CROP CULTIVATION**

Dominica reports that, due to its particular geographic conditions, it cannot obtain this estimate manually and it therefore requires technical assistance to do so.

CICAD takes note of what was expressed by Dominica and reiterates the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 8:**DEVELOP THE LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE CONTROL OF PHARMACEUTICALS AND CONTROLLED CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES**

Dominica informs that the laws necessary for the control of pharmaceuticals and controlled chemical substances have been enacted. A Medical Board controls and guarantees adherence to the regulations.

CICAD expresses its satisfaction with Dominica's efforts to fully comply with this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 9:****STRENGTHEN INTERAGENCY COORDINATION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL TO INVESTIGATE, CONTROL, AND/OR ELIMINATE ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING**

Dominica reports that it has established the Police and Customs Agreement on Drug Interdiction 2001 and that the implementation of this recommendation is scheduled for the final quarter of 2001.

CICAD recognizes the progress made by the country and encourages Dominica to continue with its efforts to fully comply with this recommendation by the date indicated.

RECOMMENDATION 10:**ESTABLISH A CENTRALIZED AGENCY FOR COORDINATION, COOPERATION, AND TIMELY INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION EXCHANGES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS**

Dominica reports that in April 1997, when the National Drug Prevention Unit was created, the government mandated it to coordinate and harmonize all drug prevention activities on the island.

Additionally, it reports that the Cabinet decided to establish a central unit to spearhead/coordinate all drug prevention efforts as well as international cooperation and agreements.

CICAD recognizes the efforts made by the country and encourages it to fully comply with this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 11:**ESTABLISH A CENTRAL CONTROL ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR RECEIVING, REQUESTING, ANALYZING, AND DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS TO THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES**

Dominica reports that it has enacted the Money Laundering (Prevention) Act No. 20 of 2000, which has established the Financial Intelligence Unit as the Money Laundering Statutory Authority.

Additionally, Dominica reports that it now has in place a central entity responsible for receiving, requesting, analyzing, and disseminating information on financial transactions to the competent authorities. The country identifies budgetary concerns, which impede the necessary logistical support for the Unit.

CICAD recognizes the progress made by the country and encourages Dominica to continue with its efforts to fully comply with this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 12:**ADOPT LAWS AND REGULATIONS REQUIRING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS TRANSACTIONS AND TO COMPLY WITH OTHER CONTROL MEASURES**

Dominica reports that the Money Laundering (Prevention) Act No. 20 of 2000, provides for reporting of suspicious transactions, and that this has been augmented in the guidance note issued by the Money Laundering Authority.

CICAD views with satisfaction the fulfillment of this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 13:****ESTABLISH MECHANISMS TO MANAGE AND EMPLOY ASSETS SEIZED AND FORFEITED IN CONNECTION WITH ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING**

Dominica indicates that the Parliament will review procedures for the forfeiture of money, resulting from drug-related offenses and other crimes. Nevertheless, it provides no information concerning the management and disposition of seized assets.

CICAD reiterates the need to fully comply with this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 14:**DEVELOP THE CAPACITY TO ESTIMATE THE HUMAN, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC COST OF THE DRUG PROBLEM**

Dominica reports that this recommendation has not been started.

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

Dominica reports clear progress, principally in the legal area, both at the international level with the ratification of different conventions as well as at the national level with the approval of different laws, particularly those related to the financial area.

Considering that Dominica has indicated a need for technical and financial assistance in order to complete the pending recommendations, CICAD recognizes the efforts made by the country and its commitment to implement the recommendations.

Additionally, CICAD urges the authorities in Dominica to provide more precise information on the progress and on the obstacles that the country encounters in the fulfillment of the recommendations.