

**RECOMMENDATION 1:****CONTINUE WITH THE REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL DRUG PLAN AND PROCEED TOWARDS ITS IMPLEMENTATION**

St. Vincent and the Grenadines reports that its National Anti-Drug Plan is in final draft and ready for approval by appropriate government authorities and it is expected that it will be fully implemented within the next four to six months, after it is approved.

CICAD encourages St. Vincent and the Grenadines to review this important document so that it will be approved within the expected timeframe as a prerequisite to its full implementation.

RECOMMENDATION 2:**SET UP A SPECIFIC OFFICE WITH THE NECESSARY PERSONNEL TO COVER COORDINATING ACTIVITIES**

The government reports that counter-drug coordinating activities are now handled by the National Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs with the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health as its chairman.

CICAD reiterates this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 3:**ACCEDE TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION OF 1961, 1971 AND 1988, AND SIGN AND RATIFY THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST THE ILLICIT MANUFACTURING OF AND TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS; THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS; AND THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION**

St. Vincent and the Grenadines reports that it will accede to the UN Convention of 1961 and 1971 shortly and that it has already acceded to the 1988 UN Convention. St. Vincent and the Grenadines also reports that in June 2001 the government signed the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption.

CICAD recognizes the progress made by the country and is confident that full implementation of this recommendation will take place as soon as possible.

The recommendation stands.

RECOMMENDATION 4:**ENSURE THAT NATIONAL LEGISLATION WITH RESPECT TO CONTROL OF MONEY LAUNDERING, FIREARMS AND CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES, IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT CICAD MODEL REGULATIONS**

St. Vincent and the Grenadines reports that its House of Assembly is now considering updated legislation to enhance laws against money laundering in the country.

CICAD recognizes efforts to strengthen laws against money laundering and encourages St. Vincent and the Grenadines to examine additional legislation to address the illegal use of firearms and chemical substances.

**RECOMMENDATION 5:****DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM FOR THE COLLECTION, ANALYSIS AND MAINTENANCE OF STATISTICS AND DOCUMENTS**

St. Vincent and the Grenadines reports that this year it participated in the "Drug Abuse Epidemiological and surveillance system project" conference in Trinidad and Tobago. As a result of information gained at the conference, the country is developing a project to create an integrated information system within the next two years.

Understanding that resources are always problematic, CICAD encourages the Government to ensure timely implementation of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 6:**ADOPT THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION AND ITS PLAN OF ACTION**

St. Vincent and the Grenadines reports that it has incorporated UN Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction into its National Anti-Drug Plan. However, concrete implementation of the principles within the framework of the National Plan, is pending approval by the Government.

CICAD urges the government to work towards speedy approval of the National Plan as an important prerequisite to systematic implementation of programs. The recommendation stands.

RECOMMENDATION 7:**APPROVE THE NATIONAL DEMAND REDUCTION STRATEGY BASED ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION, FOR PURPOSES OF SYSTEMATICALLY DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS IN THIS CRITICAL AREA**

The government informs that it has incorporated the UN Guiding Principles into the National Demand Reduction Strategy, but the strategy must still receive official governmental approval.

CICAD recognizes progress made by the country and urges that the strategy be approved as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATION 8:**INSTITUTE DRUG TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS COORDINATED AND FACILITATED BY TRAINED PERSONNEL AND ADOPT GUIDELINES BASED ON MINIMUM STANDARDS OF CARE**

St. Vincent and the Grenadines reports that it has ensured that guidelines for comprehensive treatment and rehabilitation program are contained in the National Anti Drug Plan yet to be adopted. Meanwhile, authorities report that treatment facilities for substance abusers are available at the psychiatric hospital where specialists have been trained. The country's Implementation Report did not specifically indicate that the National Anti-Drug Plan for drug treatment and rehabilitation is based on minimum standards of care.

CICAD encourages the government to review the minimum standards of care and make certain that they become part of the National Anti-drug Plan.



RECOMMENDATION 9:

INTRODUCE MECHANISMS FOR MEASURING THE PREVALENCE, INCIDENCE AND AGE OF FIRST DRUG USE

The country reports that a mechanism to measure first drug use will be incorporated into an integrated information system to be established within two years.

CICAD invites St. Vincent and the Grenadines to continue the development and implementation of all elements of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 10:

INTRODUCE EVALUATION PROGRAMS TO MEASURE THE SUCCESS OF DRUG USE AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS

St. Vincent and the Grenadine reports that the National Advisory council on isuse of Drugs is charged with evaluating drug abuse and prevention programs. However, no information was supplied on any evaluation surveys that may have been undertaken.

CICAD reiterates the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 11:

DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT SURVEILLANCE MECHANISMS THAT FACILITATE EARLY DETECTION, CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF ILLICIT CULTIVATION

St. Vincent and the Grenadines reports that the Royal St. Vincent Police has an on-going program to detect, monitor and eradicate illegal marijuana cultivations in the country and collaborate with U.S. law enforcement agencies in this drug-control area.

CICAD encourages the Government to report on specific results based on these efforts.

RECOMMENDATION 12:

ESTABLISH A CENTRALIZED AGENCY AND STRENGTHEN THE MECHANISM FOR OPERATIONAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN NATIONAL AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTROL OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES AND PHARMACEUTICALS

St. Vincent and the Grenadines reports that it is in full compliance with this recommendation and that exchange of counter-narcotics information between national authorities responsible for the control of chemicals and pharmaceuticals is carried out by the Ministry of Health.

CICAD expresses its satisfaction on the fulfillment of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 13:

ESTABLISH A SYSTEM TO IDENTIFY THE ORIGIN AND THE ROUTING OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS

St. Vincent and the Grenadines reports that a system is in place, within the police department, to identify the origin and routing of firearms and other explosives.

CICAD expresses its satisfaction on the fulfillment of this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 14:****CREATE A MECHANISM FOR RECEIVING, ANALYZING AND DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS TO THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES ALONG THE DESIGN OF THE FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT CONTEMPLATED IN CICAD'S MODEL REGULATIONS**

St. Vincent and the Grenadines reports draft legislation against financial crimes is currently being considered by the House of Assembly. If approved, this bill will help in the detection and investigation of financial irregularities and money laundering.

CICAD encourages the government to continue working to ensure passage of this legislation.

RECOMMENDATION 15:**PASS LAWS OBLIGING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER RELEVANT BODIES TO INFORM THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF SUSPICIOUS OR UNUSUAL TRANSACTIONS, AND ENACT LAWS STIPULATING THAT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER RELEVANT BODIES MUST COMPLY WITH OTHER CONTROL MEASURES**

St. Vincent and the Grenadines reports that legislation to completely restructure suspicious financial transaction reporting is currently under review in the country. Importantly, the legislation contemplates a financial supervisor who would be charged with monitoring and detecting suspicious financial transactions.

CICAD urges St. Vincent and the Grenadines to continue working to pursue the adoption and implementation of this important legislation.

RECOMMENDATION 16:**DEVELOP THE CAPACITY TO ESTIMATE THE HUMAN, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC COST OF THE DRUG PROBLEM.**

Due to lack of manpower and expertise, St. Vincent and the Grenadines reports that it has been unable to begin any action on this recommendation.

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

St. Vincent and the Grenadines has made an effort to implement the MEM recommendations by undertaking a variety of legislative and other initiatives aimed at integrating drug control into its national policy agenda. With its national Anti-Drug Plan in final draft form, CICAD encourages government authorities to seek its rapid approval.

CICAD considers that this drug plan is an important precursor for advancement of other national drug control efforts. Moreover, signature of relevant UN Conventions should also be afforded priority.



CICAD also encourages the government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to enact and implement appropriate laws against financial crimes in order to protect the integrity of its banking

