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PREFACE

The Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) is an instrument designed to measure progress in actions taken by the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) to address the global drug problem and other related offenses.

The Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), an OAS specialized agency, implemented this Mechanism in 1998, pursuant to a mandate from the Second Summit of the Americas held in Santiago, Chile in April 1988.

The MEM is not only a diagnostic tool but has also become a vehicle for disseminating information on the progress achieved through the individual and collective efforts of OAS member state governments, catalyzing hemispheric cooperation, promoting dialogue among member state government authorities, and precisely channeling assistance to areas requiring greater attention by optimizing resources.

The evaluation reports are drafted by the Governmental Expert Group (GEG), a multidisciplinary group composed of experts designated from all OAS/CICAD member states. Each expert functions independently from his or her own government, and experts do not participate in the evaluation of their own countries. Additionally, each country has the opportunity to review and comment on the contents of the evaluations, ensuring an open and participatory process.

The Fifth Evaluation Round, covering the period 2007-2009, consisted of two phases. The full evaluation phase assessed progress made by all member states in combating the drug problem in the subject areas of institutional strengthening, demand reduction, supply reduction and control measures. This culminated with the publication of national reports containing 350 recommendations for individual member states. The follow-up phase evaluated progress made in the implementation of the recommendations assigned in the Fifth Round.



RECOMMENDATION 1

APPROVE A NATIONAL ANTI-DRUG PLAN THAT SERVES AS THE FRAMEWORK FOR ALL ANTI-DRUG ACTIVITIES, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND, 1999-2000.

Haiti reports that, in December 2010, it adopted the 2010-2015 National Drug Control Strategy. On March 15, 2011, the Strategy was formally launched.

CICAD expresses satisfaction with the fulfillment of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 2

ACCEDE TO THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND, 1999-2000.

Haiti has not started the implementation of this recommendation.

CICAD notes with concern the lack of progress and urges the country to comply with this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the First Evaluation Round, 1999-2000.

RECOMMENDATION 3

ACCEDE TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES, 1971, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND, 1999-2000.

Haiti has not started the implementation of this recommendation.

CICAD notes with concern the lack of progress and urges the country to comply with this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the First Evaluation Round, 1999-2000.



RECOMMENDATION 4

RATIFY THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME, 2000, AND ITS THREE PROTOCOLS, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE SECOND EVALUATION ROUND, 2001–2002:

- A. PROTOCOL AGAINST THE SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS BY LAND, SEA AND AIR;
- B. PROTOCOL TO PREVENT, SUPPRESS AND PUNISH TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN; AND
- C. PROTOCOL AGAINST THE ILLICIT MANUFACTURING OF AND TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS, THEIR PARTS AND COMPONENTS AND AMMUNITION.

Haiti reports that Parliament ratified the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its three Protocols on March 14, 2009. All ratification instruments were presented to the Secretary General in the first quarter of 2011.

CICAD expresses satisfaction with the fulfillment of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 5

ESTABLISH OFFICIAL OPERATING STANDARDS FOR SPECIALIZED DRUG TREATMENT FACILITIES THAT PROVIDE TREATMENT SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH DRUG USE, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE THIRD EVALUATION ROUND, 2003-2004.

Haiti reports that the National Drug Control Commission (CONALD) has created a Subcommittee of Experts. The country informs that this Subcommittee has prepared a Minimum Standards Project, which has been submitted for validation to the Ministry of Health and Population.

CICAD recognizes the progress made and urges the country to comply with this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the Third Evaluation Round, 2003-2004.



CONCLUSIONS

During the Fifth Evaluation Round, Haiti was assigned five recommendations, of which three were reiterated from the First Evaluation Round, 1999-2000, one from the Second Round, 2001-2002, and one from the Third Round, 2003-2004. Two of these recommendations were fully implemented, one is in progress and two have not been started.

CICAD recognizes the country's progress in the area of institution building, by approving its National Anti-Drug Plan and, with regard to International Conventions, the ratification of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, 2000, and its Protocols against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air; to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children; and Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition.

CICAD takes note of the lack of progress towards the accession to the Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters and the United Nations Convention on Psychotropic Substances, both recommendations reiterated from the First Evaluation Round, 1999-2000.

CICAD recognizes the progress made towards establishing official operating standards for specialized drug treatment facilities.

CICAD recognizes Haiti's participation in the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism, and encourages the country to persevere in its efforts to implement the pending recommendations.

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