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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

ACCEDE TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION, 2003, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FOURTH EVALUATION ROUND, 2005-2006.

The Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis has not commenced implementation of the recommendation.

CICAD urges the country to comply with this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the Fourth Evaluation Round, 2005-2006.

RECOMMENDATION 2

ACCEDE TO THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS, 1992, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND, 1999-2000.

The Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis has not commenced implementation of the recommendation.

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

RECOMMENDATION 3

IMPLEMENT DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS TARGETING THE FAMILY POPULATION.

The Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis has not commenced implementation of the recommendation.

CICAD encourages the country to comply with this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 4

EVALUATE RESULTS OF EXISTING DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS TARGETING ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

The Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis has not commenced implementation of the recommendation.

CICAD encourages the country to comply with this recommendation.



RECOMMENDATION 5

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

The Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis has not commenced implementation of the recommendation.

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

RECOMMENDATION 6

CONDUCT A DRUG USE SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT SURVEY.

The Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis has not commenced implementation of the recommendation.

CICAD encourages the country to comply with this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 8

IMPLEMENT AN INTEGRATED ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM TO CONTROL, FOLLOW UP AND PREVENT THE DIVERSION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL THE AUTHORITIES INVOLVED IN THIS AREA, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FOURTH EVALUATION ROUND, 2005-2006.

The Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis reports that the Pharmacy Bill, which is applicable to health professionals and entities, has gone from Parliament to the public domain for further comments and review.

CICAD takes note of the information provided and urges the country to comply with this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the Fourth Evaluation Round, 2005-2006.



RECOMMENDATION 9

ESTABLISH A COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION SYSTEM TO PROCESS PRE-EXPORT NOTIFICATIONS FOR CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES.

The Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis has not commenced implementation of the recommendation.

CICAD encourages the country to comply with this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 10

CARRY OUT RESEARCH AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF ILLICIT TRAFFIC OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS AND OTHER DRUGS VIA THE INTERNET, WHICH WILL ENABLE THE COUNTRY TO IDENTIFY ITS REGULATORY AND OPERATIVE NEEDS, A REITERATED RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FOURTH EVALUATION ROUND, 2005-2006.

The Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis has not commenced implementation of the 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 Fourth Evaluation Round, 2005-2006.

RECOMMENDATION 11

CREATE AN ENTITY FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSITION OF ASSETS SEIZED AND FORFEITED FOR ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING AND MONEY LAUNDERING OFFENSES.

The Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis has not commenced implementation of the recommendation.

CICAD encourages the country to comply with this recommendation.



CONCLUSIONS

During the Fifth Evaluation Round, the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis was assigned a total of 11 recommendations. Of these recommendations, one is in progress, one was withdrawn¹ and the implementation of the remaining nine has not yet commenced.

In the area of Institutional Strengthening, the country has not taken the necessary steps to accede to the United Nations Convention against Corruption and the Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters.

In the area of Demand Reduction, the country has made no progress in implementing drug abuse prevention programs targeting family population. The country has not taken steps to evaluate results of existing drug abuse prevention programs targeting elementary and high school students, nor has it made progress in carrying out a drug use secondary school student survey or with establishing official operating standards for specialised facilities that provide treatment services for persons with problems associated with drug use.

In the area of Supply Reduction, the country has taken steps to implement an integrated administrative system to control, follow up and prevent the diversion of pharmaceutical products. However, it made no progress with the establishment of a computerized information system to process pre-export notifications for chemical substances.

In the area of Control Measures, the country has not taken steps to carry out research and training activities related to the prevention and control of illicit traffic of pharmaceutical products and other drugs via the Internet, nor to create an entity for the management and disposal of assets seized and forfeited for illicit drug trafficking and money laundering offences.

CICAD recognizes the participation of the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis in the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) process and encourages the country to fulfill the pending recommendations.

¹ Recommendation 7 was withdrawn.

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