

# Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism MEM



# Dominica (Commonwealth of)

2009 EVALUATION OF PROGRESS IN DRUG CONTROL  
IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS  
FROM THE FOURTH EVALUATION ROUND





**RECOMMENDATION 1:**

**APPROVE AND ADOPT A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL DRUG STRATEGY THAT COVERS ALL PHASES OF NARCOTICS CONTROL INCLUDING SUPPLY REDUCTION, CONTROL MEASURES AND DEMAND REDUCTION, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE THIRD EVALUATION ROUND, 2003–2004.**

Dominica reports that it drafted a 5-year (2008-2013) master plan for a national strategy covering institutional strengthening, demand reduction, supply reduction and control measures. The country reports that the plan is pending Cabinet approval.

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

**RECOMMENDATION 2:**

**ACCEDE TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME AND ITS 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 AGAINST THE ILLICIT MANUFACTURING OF AND TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS, THEIR PARTS AND COMPONENTS AND AMMUNITION;**
- C. PROTOCOL TO PREVENT, SUPPRESS AND PUNISH TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, ESPECIALLY IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN.**

Dominica did not provide any information regarding the implementation of this recommendation.

CICAD expresses its concern for the lack of progress and urges the country to implement this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the Second Evaluation Round, 2001-2002.

**RECOMMENDATION 3:**

**ACCEDE TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION, 2003.**

Dominica did not provide any information regarding the implementation of this recommendation.

CICAD encourages the country to implement this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 4:****IMPLEMENT A NATIONAL DRUG OBSERVATORY OR SIMILAR CENTRALIZED OFFICE, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE THIRD EVALUATION ROUND, 2003–2004.**

Dominica reports the creation of a Drug Information Network, formed by the National Drug Abuse Prevention Unit, the Criminal Investigations Department, the Drug Squad, the Health Promotion Department, the Social Welfare Department, Operation Youth Quake and the Dominica State Prison.

CICAD takes note of the information provided, and urges Dominica to fully implement this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the Third Evaluation Round, 2003-2004.

**RECOMMENDATION 5:****DEVELOP AND EXECUTE DRUG-USE PREVENTION PROGRAMS TARGETING SCHOOL POPULATIONS.**

Dominica reports that it carried out four training workshops on drug awareness and demand reduction for teachers of 61 primary schools in September 2008.

CICAD takes note of the information provided and encourages Dominica to implement this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 6:****BROADEN THE TRAINING OF PROFESSIONALS IN THE AREA OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELLING.**

Dominica reports that it is offering training in substance abuse counseling at the University of West Indies, in collaboration with CICAD, to one prison officer, one teacher and one drug abuse prevention officer.

CICAD takes note of the information provided and encourages Dominica to continue with its efforts to fully comply with this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 7:****ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS OF CARE FOR DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE THIRD EVALUATION ROUND, 2003–2004.**

Dominica reports that initial steps to implement the recommendation have not progressed beyond planning stages.

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

**RECOMMENDATION 8:**

**ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FOR ALL ASPECTS OF CONTROL, REGULATION AND PREVENTION OF THE DIVERSION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE SECOND EVALUATION ROUND, 2001–2002.**

Dominica reports that legislation to control the diversion of pharmaceutical products has been drafted and sent to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) for harmonization with existing regional legislation. The draft Law must be approved by Cabinet before it is sent to Parliament for enactment.

CICAD takes note of the information provided and urges Dominica to continue its efforts to implement this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the Second Evaluation Round, 2001 - 2002.

**RECOMMENDATION 9:**

**CONDUCT TRAINING COURSES FOR OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTROL OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS.**

Dominica reports that implementation of this recommendation has not been started.

CICAD encourages Dominica to implement 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 OPERATIONAL NEEDS.**

Dominica reports that implementation of this recommendation has not been started.

CICAD encourages Dominica to implement this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 11:**

**ENACT COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATION TO FULLY REGULATE THE CONTROL OF THE DIVERSION OF CONTROLLED CHEMICALS IN ACCORD WITH ARTICLE 12 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES, 1988, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE SECOND EVALUATION ROUND, 2001–2002.**

Dominica reports that legislation to control the diversion of chemical substances has been drafted and sent to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) for harmonization with existing regional legislation. The draft Law must be approved by Cabinet before it is sent to Parliament for enactment.



CICAD takes note of the information provided and urges Dominica to continue its efforts to implement this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the Second Evaluation Round, 2001 - 2002.

### **RECOMMENDATION 12:**

#### **INSTITUTE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES TO INVESTIGATE SUSPECTED MONEY LAUNDERING CASES.**

Dominica did not provide any information with regard to this recommendation.

CICAD encourages Dominica to implement this recommendation.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

During the Fourth Evaluation Round, Dominica was assigned a total of 12 recommendations, out of which the country reported to have made some progress in the implementation of six.

CICAD recognizes the country's efforts towards the development of a comprehensive National Drug Strategy for the period 2008-2013, approval of legislation related to the control and prevention of the diversion of pharmaceutical products, and legislation to prevent the diversion of controlled chemical substances.

At the same time, CICAD views with concern the limited progress made on the implementation of basic demand reduction programs, such as prevention programs targeting school populations and the establishment of minimum standards of care for drug abuse treatment.

CICAD recognizes the participation of Dominica in the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism, and urges the country to persevere in its efforts to implement pending recommendations.