

Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism MEM



Saint Lucia

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



**RECOMMENDATION 1:****DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A NEW ANTI-DRUG PLAN, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE THIRD EVALUATION ROUND, 2003-2004.**

St. Lucia informs that it is preparing a review of the most recent National Anti-Drug and Substance Abuse Strategy and a list of stakeholders is being developed in this regard.

CICAD takes note of the initial steps taken by the country to develop a new anti-drug plan and urges the country to intensify its efforts to comply with this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the Third Evaluation Round, 2003-2004.

RECOMMENDATION 2:**ACCEDE TO THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND, 1999-2000.**

St. Lucia informs that the country has taken initial steps to start implementation of this recommendation.

CICAD notes with concern that St. Lucia has not acceded to this Inter-American Convention, and urges the country take all necessary measures to implement this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the First Evaluation Round, 1999-2000.

RECOMMENDATION 3:**ACCEDE TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME 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;**
- C. PROTOCOL AGAINST THE ILLICIT MANUFACTURING OF AND TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS, THEIR PARTS AND COMPONENTS AND AMMUNITION.**

St. Lucia has not acceded to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its three Protocols.

CICAD urges the country to implement this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the Second Evaluation Round, 2001–2002.

RECOMMENDATION 4:**ACCEDE TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION, 2003.**

St. Lucia has not acceded to the United Nations Convention against Corruption.



CICAD encourages the country to implement this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 5:

DEVELOP A CENTRALIZED OFFICE TO COLLECT, ANALYZE, AND MAINTAIN INFORMATION ON ILLICIT DRUGS INCLUDING STATISTICS ON THE MAGNITUDE OF DRUG CONSUMPTION IN THE COUNTRY, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND, 1999-2000.

St. Lucia has taken steps to strengthen the Substance Abuse Advisory Council Secretariat as the centralized office for collection, analysis and maintenance of information on illicit drugs. The country reports that the National Drug Information Project was launched in November 2008. The project is in operation and is receiving data from various stakeholders.

CICAD notes St. Lucia's efforts to implement this recommendation and urges the country to fully comply with this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the First Evaluation Round, 1999–2000.

RECOMMENDATION 6:

DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS THAT TARGET PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN, FOLLOWING CICAD HEMISPHERIC GUIDELINES ON SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE THIRD EVALUATION ROUND, 2003-2004.

St. Lucia informs that teachers of Health and Family Life in primary and secondary schools teach prevention as a component of their Health and Family Life Program. School Counselors work with individual students and implement activities with the police on drug use and prevention. Summer camps on drugs and conflict resolution are organized annually. The Community Action Program for Safety (CAPS), a program to create safer, more caring communities throughout St. Lucia, has initiated the Junior Rawky Clubs in schools and designed preventative materials.

A National Alcohol Advisory Committee has been formed comprising key ministries and stakeholders, including the Ministry of Education and Culture, to coordinate, implement and manage the Alcohol Awareness Strategy for St. Lucia. The country informs that these programs in schools and communities are in line with the CICAD Hemispheric Guidelines on School-based Prevention.

CICAD views with satisfaction the implementation of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 7:

OFFER SPECIALIZED TRAINING COURSES IN DRUG PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND RESEARCH FOR PROFESSIONALS IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE COUNTRY'S DEMAND REDUCTION ACTIVITIES.

St. Lucia informs that, through collaboration with non-governmental organizations, it provided training courses, such as drug abuse prevention training, tobacco cessation and training of teachers to serve as coordinators in substance abuse prevention.



CICAD takes notes of the steps taken by St. Lucia and encourages the country to fully implement this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 8:

ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS OF CARE FOR PERSONS SEEKING TREATMENT FOR DRUG ABUSE, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE THIRD EVALUATION ROUND, 2003-2004.

St. Lucia informs that a Mental Health Reform will give special attention to standardized clinical protocols and best practices. The country informs that the final document will be adopted and incorporated in Turning Point Rehabilitation Centre's Policies and Procedures Manual.

CICAD acknowledges St. Lucia's efforts and urges the country to comply with this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the Third Evaluation Round, 2003–2004.

RECOMMENDATION 9:

PROVIDE TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONALS WORKING IN THE AREA OF DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE THIRD EVALUATION ROUND, 2003-2004.

St. Lucia informs that expertise training has been sourced for the provision of workshops and seminars on drug abuse treatment, both locally and overseas. Eighteen persons have been trained through the Caribbean Institute on Alcoholism & Other Drug Problems (CARIAD): 11 from the Turning Point Rehabilitation Centre and 7 from government agencies and non-governmental organizations. In addition, an on-going "in-house" education program is available, designed to meet the specific needs of Turning Point Rehabilitation Centre staff.

CICAD views with satisfaction the implementation of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 10:

ESTABLISH REGULATIONS TO MONITOR AND PREVENT DIVERSION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, INCLUDING CONTROLS FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

St. Lucia reports that implementation of this recommendation has not started.

CICAD encourages the country to implement this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 11:

ESTABLISH A DRUG INSPECTORATE TO MONITOR AND REGULATE THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE THIRD EVALUATION ROUND, 2003-2004.

St. Lucia informs that the administration of the Ministry of Health has presented a request to create the post of Drug Inspector, as prescribed in the Pharmacy Act of 2003. Submission has been made within the 2009-2010 Annual Budget of the Government of St. Lucia for the creation of such a post.



CICAD takes note of the country's efforts to create the post of Drug Inspector and urges St. Lucia to implement this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the Third Evaluation Round, 2003–2004.

RECOMMENDATION 12:

CARRY OUT RESEARCH AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF THE ILLICIT TRAFFIC OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS AND OTHER DRUGS VIA THE INTERNET, WHICH WILL ENABLE THE COUNTRY TO IDENTIFY ITS REGULATORY AND OPERATIVE NEEDS.

St. Lucia reports that implementation of this recommendation has not started.

CICAD encourages the country to implement this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 13:

ESTABLISH REGULATIONS ACCORDING TO CHAPTER XII OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (1988) FOR THE CONTROL OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND, 1999-2000.

St. Lucia provided no information regarding the status of this recommendation.

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

RECOMMENDATION 14:

PROVIDE APPROPRIATE TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS IN THE AREA OF DIVERSION OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES.

St. Lucia reports that implementation of this recommendation has not started.

CICAD encourages the country to implement this recommendation.

CONCLUSIONS

Of the 14 recommendations assigned to St. Lucia during the Fourth Evaluation Round, two have been completed, implementation of six is in progress and implementation of five has not been started. In one recommendation the country provided no information.

St. Lucia took initial steps in the development and implementation of a new anti-drug plan. CICAD urges the country to intensify its efforts to comply with this recommendation.

The country did not make progress in acceding to the Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its three Protocols, and to the United Nations Convention against Corruption.



CICAD recognizes St. Lucia's progress in strengthening the Substance Abuse Advisory Council Secretariat as the centralized office for collection, analysis and maintenance of information on illicit drugs. CICAD views with satisfaction the implementation of prevention programs that target primary and secondary school children, which are in line with the CICAD Hemispheric Guidelines on School-based Prevention.

CICAD takes note of the training courses provided by St. Lucia in the area of drug abuse prevention, and views with satisfaction the training offered through the Caribbean Institute on Alcoholism & Other Drug Problems (CARIAD) for professional staff working in the area of drug abuse treatment. CICAD urges the country to fully implement the recommendation to establish minimum standards of care for drug abuse treatment through its Mental Health Reform.

CICAD observes St. Lucia's lack of progress in establishing regulations to monitor and prevent the diversion of pharmaceutical products. CICAD takes note of the country's steps toward establishing the post of Drug Inspector to monitor and regulate the use and distribution of pharmaceutical products and urges the country to fully comply with this recommendation.

CICAD is concerned that the country did not provide the required information to evaluate the establishment of regulations for the control of chemical substances.

CICAD recognizes St. Lucia's participation in the MEM process, and encourages the country to implement the pending recommendations.