

# Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism MEM



# Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis

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







### **RECOMMENDATION 1:**

#### **APPROVE A NATIONAL ANTI-DRUG PLAN.**

The Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis reports that its National Anti-Drug Plan has not been approved and that a new draft is to be discussed by various stakeholders.

CICAD encourages the country to take the necessary steps towards the fulfillment of this recommendation.

### **RECOMMENDATION 2:**

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

The Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis reports that the implementation of this recommendation has not started.

CICAD encourages the country to implement this recommendation.

### **RECOMMENDATION 3:**

#### **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 St. Kitts and Nevis has not fulfilled this recommendation.

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

### **RECOMMENDATION 4:**

#### **ESTABLISH A CENTRALIZED OFFICE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPILING AND COORDINATING DRUG-RELATED STATISTICS AND OTHER DRUG-RELATED INFORMATION.**

The Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis has not implemented this recommendation.

CICAD encourages the country to take the necessary steps towards the fulfillment of this recommendation.

### **RECOMMENDATION 5:**

#### **PROVIDE SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOR OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAMMES.**

The Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis provided no specific information regarding specialized training activities being offered.

CICAD encourages the country to comply with the recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 6:****ESTABLISH GUIDELINES OR REGULATIONS ON STANDARDS OF CARE FOR DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE THIRD EVALUATION ROUND, 2003-2004.**

The Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis reports that a draft of the general policies that would govern the actions of the mental health and substance abuse programs is being finalized.

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

**RECOMMENDATION 7:****DEVELOP A MECHANISM TO MONITOR AND PREVENT THE DIVERSION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS APPLICABLE TO HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND ENTITIES.**

The Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis reports that the enactment of the Pharmacy Bill is still pending. This Bill will set provisions for the regulation and control of pharmacists, pharmacies, the sale and storage of drugs, controlled drugs and poisons, and related or incidental matters.

CICAD acknowledges the progress made and encourages the country to comply with this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 8:****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.**

The Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis reports that although there is no evidence of illicit trafficking of pharmaceutical products via the Internet, the enactment of the Pharmacy Bill would address a number of existing deficiencies.

CICAD encourages the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis to implement this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 9:****IMPLEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE CONTROL IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE DIVERSION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS.**

The Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis reports that the Ministry of Health is working with the Ministry of Legal Affairs on a Pharmacy Bill that will set provisions for the regulation and control of pharmacists, pharmacies, the sale and storage of drugs, controlled drugs and poisons, and related and incidental matters.

CICAD encourages the country to implement this recommendation.



### **RECOMMENDATION 10:**

#### **APPROVE AND ENACT THE BILL TO CONTROL CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES CONSISTENT WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES, 1988**

The Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis reports that the Precursor Chemicals Act No.20 of 2007 entered into force in July 2008.

CICAD views with satisfaction the fulfillment of this recommendation.

### **RECOMMENDATION 11:**

#### **DEVELOP AND DELIVER SPECIALIZED TRAINING COURSES OR BRIEFINGS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, SECURITY, PROSECUTORS, CUSTOMS AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS TO ADDRESS THE ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING PROBLEM.**

The Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis informs that several persons have received training in various aspects of law enforcement related to drug use.

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

### **RECOMMENDATION 12:**

#### **CRIMINALIZE MONEY LAUNDERING AS AN AUTONOMOUS OFFENSE.**

The Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis reports that in July 2008, section 4 of the Proceeds of Crime Act No.16 of 2000 was amended by inserting subsection 4 (2) A: "The conviction of a person for money laundering pursuant to this section shall not be dependent on the conviction of that person or any other person for a related serious offence".

CICAD views with satisfaction the implementation of this recommendation.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

During the Fourth Evaluation Round, the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis was assigned a total of 12 recommendations. Of these recommendations, two were implemented, and six showed some progress.

CICAD notes with satisfaction the implementation of recommendations regarding the approval and enactment of the bill to control chemical substances consistent with the relevant provisions of chapter 12 of the United Nations Convention against Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1988, and the criminalization of money laundering as an autonomous offense.

The Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis has showed progress in the implementation of the recommendation related to the development of a mechanism to monitor and prevent the diversion of pharmaceutical products applicable to health professionals and entities.



CICAD encourages the country to take the necessary steps towards the approval of the National Anti-Drug Plan, the establishment of a centralized national coordinating office to compile drug-related information, and the provision of specialized training for officials involved in demand reduction programmes.

In addition, CICAD observes that the country must continue its efforts to approve draft legislation that will enable the improvement of the control of pharmaceutical products.

CICAD recognizes the participation of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis in the MEM process and encourages the country to continue with its efforts to fully implement all the recommendations.