

Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism MEM



Suriname

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



**RECOMMENDATION 1:****RATIFY THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST THE ILLICIT MANUFACTURING OF AND TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS (CIFTA), A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND, 1999-2000.**

Suriname informs that it ratified the Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacture of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and other Related Materials (CIFTA) on March 14, 2008. The instrument of ratification was deposited at the Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS) on May 5, 2008.

CICAD views with satisfaction the fulfillment of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 2:**ACCEDE TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME AND ITS THREE PROTOCOLS (2000), A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE SECOND EVALUATION ROUND, 2001-2002.**

Suriname informs that the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, its Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children and its Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air were acceded to May 25, 2007.

CICAD recognizes progress made and urges Suriname to continue with its efforts to fully comply with 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).**

Suriname informs that the Ministry of Justice and Police presented a proposal to the President in May 2008 to accede to the Convention at the United Nations General Assembly in September 2008. However, the Convention was not acceded to.

CICAD encourages Suriname to continue with its efforts to fully comply with the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 4:**ESTABLISH A "HELP LINE" TO PROVIDE DRUG-RELATED INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE THIRD EVALUATION ROUND, 2003-2004.**

Suriname informs that the Psychiatric Center of the Department of the Ministry of Health, established a "Crisis Help Line" on July 3, 2008 in collaboration with the National Telecommunication Center. This Help Line is nationwide and provides drug-related information and assistance to the general public.

CICAD views with satisfaction the fulfillment of this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 5:****DEVELOP DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, COMPATIBLE WITH THE CICAD HEMISPHERIC GUIDELINES ON SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION.**

Suriname informs that it has developed and incorporated drug abuse prevention programs in the curriculum of the primary, secondary and high schools, in cooperation with the Basic Life Skills program, a national program of the Ministry of Education. The Ministry of Education is reviewing the CICAD hemispheric guidelines to make the national drug abuse prevention program compatible with these guidelines.

CICAD recognizes the progress made by the country, and encourages Suriname to continue with its efforts to fully comply with the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 6:**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.**

Suriname reports that the country has not initiated the implementation of the recommendation.

CICAD encourages Suriname to implement this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 7:**ESTABLISH AN AUTOMATED INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO FACILITATE THE CONTROL OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS.**

Suriname informs that computers have been purchased to facilitate data input at the Pharmaceutical Inspection Office. Full implementation of the system is pending.

CICAD encourages Suriname to continue with its efforts to fully comply with the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 8:**ENACT LEGISLATION FOR THE CONTROL OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND, 1999-2000.**

Suriname reports that the Ministry of Justice and Police has drafted legislation for the control of chemical substances in 2008.

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

**RECOMMENDATION 9:****IMPLEMENT A REGULATORY FRAMEWORK TO FACILITATE THE APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS FOR THE DIVERSION OF CONTROLLED CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS.**

Suriname reports that the country has not initiated the implementation of the recommendation.

CICAD encourages Suriname to implement this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 10:**IMPLEMENT SPECIALIZED TRAINING COURSES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO ADDRESS ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING.**

Suriname informs that specialized training courses and seminars were conducted in 2007 and 2008 for law enforcement, custom officers and prosecutors to address illicit drug trafficking at the airports.

In addition, a training seminar for law enforcement officers was offered by Colombia regarding the upgrade process in the field of interdictive control, technical aspects and adequate monitoring of chemicals in April 2008.

CICAD views with satisfaction the fulfillment of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 11:**ESTABLISH A REGISTER TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS FORMALLY CHARGED AND CONVICTED FOR ILLICIT POSSESSION AND TRAFFICKING OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS.**

Suriname informs that in 2006, an automated information management system was established at the Office of the Prosecutor General, with technical and financial support from OAS/CICAD. In 2006 and 2007, personnel at the Office of the Prosecutor General received training in the use of the information system. The system is now fully operational. Personal information and the number of persons formally charged with and convicted of illicit possession and trafficking of firearms, ammunition, explosives and other related materials are now recorded in this system.

CICAD views with satisfaction the fulfillment of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 12:**ESTABLISH A REGISTER TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF ILLICITLY TRAFFICKED FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS CONFISCATED.**

Suriname informs that in 2006, an automated information management system was established at the Office of the Prosecutor General, with technical and financial support from OAS/CICAD. In 2006 and 2007, personnel at the Office of the Prosecutor General received training in the use of the information system. The system is now fully operational. This automated system is able to provide information on the number of illicitly trafficked firearms, ammunition, explosives and



other related materials confiscated.

CICAD views with satisfaction the fulfillment of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 13:

ESTABLISH A MECHANISM TO COLLECT STATISTICAL DATA ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO CONFISCATION, FREEZING OF ACCOUNTS, AND FORFEITURE.

Suriname reports that the country has not initiated the implementation of the recommendation.

CICAD encourages Suriname to comply with the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 14:

EXPAND THE LIST OF INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS FOR MONEY LAUNDERING, A REITERATED RECOMMENDATION FROM THE THIRD EVALUATION ROUND, 2003-2004.

Suriname reports that the country has not initiated the implementation of the recommendation.

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

CONCLUSIONS

During the Fourth Evaluation Round, fourteen recommendations were assigned to Suriname. Five recommendations were implemented, progress was made in five, and four were not initiated.

CICAD views with satisfaction that Suriname has established a nationwide help line to provide drug-related information and assistance, and that it has ratified the Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and other Related Materials. Registers have been established to provide information on the number of persons charged with and convicted of illicit possession and trafficking of firearms, ammunition, explosives and other related materials, and the number of these illicitly trafficked firearms, ammunition, explosives and other related materials that were confiscated. Suriname has also implemented specialized training courses for law enforcement officers to address illicit drug trafficking.

CICAD recognizes that the country has acceded to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and two of its three Protocols. CICAD also recognizes progress in the development of drug abuse prevention programs in elementary and secondary schools, and the establishment of an automated information management system for the control of pharmaceutical products.

CICAD views that no progress has been made in the country's accession to the United Nations Convention against Corruption. In addition, the country has not initiated the recommendations regarding the training activities related to the illicit traffic of pharmaceutical products and other drugs via the internet; the implementation of a regulatory framework to facilitate the application of sanctions for the diversion of controlled chemical substances; the enactment of legislation for



the control of chemical substances; the establishment of a mechanism to collect statistical data on matters pertaining to confiscation, freezing of accounts, and forfeiture; and the expansion of the list of individuals subject to administrative controls for money laundering.

CICAD recognizes Suriname's participation in the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism process, and encourages the country to continue its efforts toward the full implementation of the pending recommendations.