

**Multilateral
Evaluation Mechanism
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Barbados

**2005 PROGRESS REPORT IN DRUG CONTROL
IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM THE THIRD EVALUATION ROUND**



**RECOMMENDATION 1:**

APPROVE THE NATIONAL ANTI-DRUG PLAN (2005–2010) AS WELL AS BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS PROPOSED FOR ALL ITS COMPONENTS, REITERATED RECOMMENDATION FROM THE SECOND EVALUATION ROUND, 2001–2002

PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2003

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Barbados indicates that a revised Anti-Drug Plan (2005–2010) was submitted in 2005 to the Ministry of Home Affairs for initial approval. It is estimated that the plan will be in full effect in 2006 with a budget of approximately US\$13.5 million. The country also states that it requires a Coordinator to oversee the implementation of the Anti-Drug Plan as well as an Oversight Committee to whom the Coordinator will report.

CICAD notes that some progress has been made on this recommendation and urges Barbados to persevere in its efforts to adopt the Anti-Drug Plan and allocate its budget, given that this recommendation was assigned during the Second Evaluation Round, 2001–2002.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

RATIFY THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS (1992), REITERATED RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND, 1999–2000

PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2001

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Barbados reports that this Convention is currently under review by the Solicitor General in order to assess its compatibility with Barbados' legislation. Guidance and approval is needed from the Solicitor General in terms of this Convention.

CICAD expresses its concern over the lack of progress in the implementation of this recommendation assigned to the country during the First Evaluation Round, 1999–2000, and urges Barbados to comply with this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 3:

RATIFY THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION (1996), REITERATED RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND, 1999–2000

PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2001

REITERATION DATE: JANUARY 2003
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Barbados reports that this Convention was signed in 2001 and is currently with the Solicitor General awaiting approval. Approval is needed from the Solicitor General after which adjustments to legislation will be made, if necessary. In addition, Cabinet approval is also required.

CICAD expresses its concern over the lack of progress in the implementation of this recommendation assigned to the country during the First Evaluation Round, 1999–2000, and urges Barbados to take the necessary actions to fully implement this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 4:**

RATIFY THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (2000), REITERATED RECOMMENDATION FROM THE SECOND EVALUATION ROUND, 2001–2002 AND ITS PROTOCOLS:

- 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**

PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2003

REITERATION DATE: JUNE 2005

Barbados reports that this Convention was signed and is currently with the Solicitor General awaiting approval. Approval is needed from the Solicitor General after which adjustments to legislation will be made, if necessary. In addition, Cabinet approval is also required.

CICAD expresses its concern over the lack of progress in the implementation of this recommendation assigned to the country during the Second Evaluation Round, 2001–2002, and urges Barbados to take the necessary actions to fully implement this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 5:

CONDUCT A COMPLETE EVALUATION OF A PREVENTION PROGRAM

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Barbados reports that an external consultant has been hired to undertake an evaluation of the Peer Support Programme, which is a sustained life skills based prevention programme offered to high school students. The evaluation instrument has been designed and the actual evaluation is actively underway in ten secondary schools. It is anticipated that the entire exercise will be completed in 2006.

CICAD notes that progress has been made and encourages Barbados to fully comply with the recommendation within the anticipated time frame.

RECOMMENDATION 6:

ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS OF CARE FOR DRUG TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

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Barbados reports that minimum standards of care have been formulated and approved by its Cabinet. Amendments were made and the document has been forwarded to the Chief Parliamentary Counsel for drafting into the legal framework.



CICAD notes that progress has been made and encourages Barbados to complete the legal framework for the minimum standards of care.

RECOMMENDATION 7:

CONDUCT A STUDY TO ESTIMATE THE MAGNITUDE OF DRUG CONSUMPTION IN GENERAL POPULATION

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Barbados reports that it has not started to implement this recommendation.

CICAD has re-examined the relevance of this recommendation and considers that currently, this type of study among the general population, does not constitute a priority in Barbados' drug policy. Therefore, CICAD encourages the country to strengthen the strategies of its national anti-drug plan by undertaking studies on specific group populations.

RECOMMENDATION 8:

INCLUDE UNDER THE SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BARBADOS DRUG CONTROL SERVICE, THE ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS, REGISTRY OF LICENSEES AND TRANSPORT CONTROL

PUBLICATION DATE: JUNE 2005

Barbados reports that it has not started to implement the recommendation.

CICAD notes that no progress has been made in this area and encourages Barbados to take the necessary steps to implement this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 9:

INCLUDE SPECIAL LICENSES / PERMITS TO PRESCRIBE CERTAIN DRUGS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS, IN BARBADOS' MECHANISM TO CONTROL AND REGULATE THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS BY HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

PUBLICATION DATE: JUNE 2005

Barbados reports that it has not started to implement the recommendation.

CICAD notes that no progress has been made and encourages Barbados to take the necessary steps to implement this recommendation.



RECOMMENDATION 10:

EXPAND THE LIST OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES CONTROLLED BY BARBADOS TO INCLUDE THOSE LISTED UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTIONS, WHICH ARE CURRENTLY NOT CONTROLLED BY THE ISLAND

PUBLICATION DATE: JUNE 2005

Barbados reports that it has not started to implement the recommendation.

CICAD notes that no progress has been made in this area and encourages Barbados to take the necessary steps to implement this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 11:

INCLUDE UNDER THE SCOPE OF THE BARBADOS DRUG CONTROL SERVICE AND/OR THE BARBADOS CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS

PUBLICATION DATE: JUNE 2005

Barbados has not provided any information in response to this recommendation.

CICAD encourages Barbados to take the necessary steps to implement this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 12:

CREATE A SYSTEM TO COLLECT AND COMPILE INFORMATION REGARDING THE AMOUNT OF DRUGS SEIZED FROM PERSONS ACCUSED OF ILLICIT DRUG POSSESSION AND ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING

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Barbados reports that the Royal Barbados Police Force has an information collection mechanism in place. Information as it relates to the amount of drugs seized is collected from all persons charged with drug related offences. The Force maintains a number of registers and forms that must be completed on every occasion that illicit drugs come into possession. Entries in these registers and forms provide for the quantity and type of drugs and particulars relating to disposal.

CICAD notes with satisfaction the fulfillment of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 13:

INCLUDE THE USE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES, LIKE UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATIONS, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE, USE OF INFORMANTS, CONTROLLED DELIVERIES AND SENTENCE REDUCTION FOR COOPERATING WITNESSES, FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF MONEY LAUNDERING CASES

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Barbados reports that special investigative techniques, such as, use of informants in investigations and controlled deliveries are being used. The Royal Barbados Police Force will explore the



development of undercover operations. The country further reports that a legislative base must be developed for sentence reduction for cooperating witnesses and the development of undercover operations.

CICAD encourages Barbados to proceed with its efforts to fully comply with this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 14:

INCORPORATE IN THE COUNTRY'S LEGISLATION, CORRUPTION, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING OF MIGRANTS AS CRIMES RELATED TO TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

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Barbados has not provided any information in response to this recommendation.

CICAD encourages Barbados to take the necessary steps to implement this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 15:

INCORPORATE IN THE COUNTRY'S LEGISLATION, THE VICTIM'S PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE AS COOPERATION MEASURE

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Barbados has not provided any information in response to this recommendation.

CICAD encourages Barbados to take the necessary steps to implement this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 16:

CONSIDER FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME CASES, THE USE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES SUCH AS UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS, TELEPHONE LINE TAPPING AND CONTROLLED DELIVERIES

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Barbados reports that the legislative framework is being developed as evidenced by the draft Interception of Communication Bill. Development of a legislative framework is expected to be completed by 2007–2008.

CICAD encourages Barbados to implement the recommendation within the anticipated time frame.

CONCLUSIONS

During the Third Evaluation Round, 2003–2004, Barbados was assigned a total of 16 recommendations. Out of these recommendations, one has been completed and eight showed some progress. In addition, seven recommendations were either not started or no information was offered. There has not been any significant progress on the majority of recommendations, including two recommendations that have been pending since the First Evaluation Round,



1999–2000, regarding the ratification of the Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters and the Inter-American Convention against Corruption.

The implementation of the national drug plan is regarded as a critical step in the process and the country is urged to ratify treaties and enact such legislation as is necessary to effectively empower each recommendation.

The mechanism in the country to collect and compile information regarding the amount of drugs seized from persons charged of illicit drug possession and illicit drug trafficking is viewed by CICAD with satisfaction.

Barbados is further urged to take immediate action to effectively implement the outstanding recommendations within a reasonable time frame.

CICAD recognizes the continued participation of Barbados in the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) process.