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# Suriname

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





**RECOMMENDATION 1:****APPROVE A NEW NATIONAL ANTI-DRUG PLAN**

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Suriname reports that the Cabinet approved the National Drug Master Plan 2006–2010 in its meeting of January 2006.

CICAD views with satisfaction the fulfillment of this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 2:****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**

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Suriname reports that the process for ratification of the Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and other Related Materials (CIFTA) has not started. The country informs that the Convention will be submitted in the current parliamentary period.

CICAD expresses its concern at the lack of progress given the fact that the recommendation was assigned to the country during the First Evaluation Round, 1999–2000. CICAD urges the country to carry out the necessary actions for the ratification of the mentioned instrument.

**RECOMMENDATION 3:****RATIFY THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME AND ITS THREE PROTOCOLS, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE SECOND EVALUATION ROUND, 2001–2002**

1. PROTOCOL AGAINST THE SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS BY LAND, SEA AND AIR
2. PROTOCOL TO PREVENT, SUPPRESS AND PUNISH TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN
3. PROTOCOL AGAINST THE ILLICIT MANUFACTURING OF AND TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS, THEIR PARTS AND COMPONENTS AND AMMUNITION

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Suriname reports that the Convention and its Protocols have already been approved by the Cabinet, and are currently at the State Advisory Board for final screening before submission to the Parliament



CICAD expresses its concern at the lack of progress in fulfilling this recommendation given the fact that it was assigned to the country during the Second Evaluation Round, 2001–2002, and urges the country to carry out the necessary actions for the ratification of the Convention and its Protocols.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 4:**

##### **IMPLEMENT A FORMAL MECHANISM TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COUNTRY TO COMPILE DRUG-RELATED INFORMATION**

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Suriname informs that an Executive Office within the National Anti-Drug Council (NAR) collects statistical information on drug consumption. In 2005, the Executive Office established the "Suriname Epidemiology Network on Drug Use" (SURENDU) that collects data from drug prevention programs and drug rehabilitation centers.

The country informs that in 2006, the SURENDU network will be evaluated on its effectiveness.

CICAD recognizes the effort made by Suriname and encourages the country to fulfill the recommendation within the timeframe indicated.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 5:**

##### **SET UP A DRUG "HELP LINE" OR A CENTRALIZED OFFICE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

**PUBLICATION DATE: JUNE 2005**

Suriname informs that the recommendation to set up a drug "help line" will be implemented in the framework of the drug demand reduction program.

The country reports that the Executive Office of the National Anti-Drug Council (NAR) plans to organize a drug "help line" workshop in collaboration with state and non-state actors. During this workshop the conditions and the procedures for the establishment of the drug "help line" will be agreed upon.

CICAD encourages the country to fully implement this recommendation.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 6:**

##### **DEVELOP DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING PROGRAMS FOR POPULATIONS AT RISK**

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Suriname informs that with support of the European Union, it is currently implementing a drug demand reduction program. The purposes of the programme are:

1. Strengthening the national policy capacity in the field of drug demand reduction through a coherent mix of interventions in the fields of monitoring and research. In particular, the setting



up of a national support structure for the development, coordination and implementation of the policy (the Executive Office of the National Anti-Drug Council -NAR) will be foreseen.

2. Contributing to the reinforcement of an adequate well functioning monitoring system which guarantees proper surveillance through regular data collection, analysis and results dissemination in order to facilitate decision-making capabilities at all levels for effective planning.
3. Enhancing primary, secondary and tertiary prevention involving all competent authorities through an interdisciplinary community orientated approach.

The country reports that the Bureau on Alcohol and Drugs has already developed a special community based and empowerment program for youth leaders. The Lions Project for school children is currently being developed in collaboration with the Basic Life Skills Program.

CICAD takes note of the information provided by Suriname and encourages the country to comply with this recommendation.

### **RECOMMENDATION 7:**

#### **PROVIDE SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE SECOND EVALUATION ROUND, 2001–2002**

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Suriname reports that capacity building, and training for primary, secondary and tertiary drug abuse prevention workers commenced in 2005. This training will be ongoing under the European Union funded program until 2007, after which it will be continued under the National Anti-Drug Council (NAR) as provided for in the National Drug Master Plan 2006–2010.

CICAD views with satisfaction the implementation of this recommendation.

### **RECOMMENDATION 8:**

#### **ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS OF CARE FOR DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND, 1999–2000**

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Suriname informs that guidelines to establish minimum standards were drafted by the Drug Demand Reduction Program (DDR) in 2005, and were discussed with all treatment centers in the country. The guidelines for minimum standards were submitted to the National Anti-Drug Council (NAR) for further approval and implementation. However, the country indicates a need for expertise to assist the NAR in the process of establishment of minimum standards.

CICAD urges the country to intensify its efforts to fully implement the recommendation which was assigned during the First Evaluation Round, 1999–2000.

**RECOMMENDATION 9:**

**ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT MECHANISMS TO EVALUATE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND, 1999–2000**

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Suriname has not commenced the implementation of this recommendation.

CICAD expresses its concerns for the lack of fulfillment of this recommendation given that this recommendation was assigned to the country since the First Evaluation Round, 1999–2000. CICAD urges the country to comply with this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 10:**

**CARRY OUT STUDIES TO ESTIMATE THE MAGNITUDE OF DRUG CONSUMPTION AMONG THE GENERAL POPULATION, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND, 1999–2000**

PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2001

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Suriname reports that a survey among the general population will be carried out in 2007, with assistance from CICAD/OAS. The country carried out a survey in 2005 among high school students which will be repeated at the end of 2006.

CICAD encourages Suriname to complete the recommendation within the timeframe indicated by the country.

**RECOMMENDATION 11:**

**DEVELOP STUDIES ON MORBIDITY RELATED TO DRUG ABUSE**

PUBLICATION DATE: JUNE 2005

Suriname informs that no funding has been identified to design and implement a study on the relation between morbidity and drug abuse previously scheduled for 2006.

CICAD takes note of the information submitted by Suriname in response to this recommendation and accepts the justification provided.

**RECOMMENDATION 12:****DEVELOP STUDIES ON MORTALITY RELATED TO DRUG ABUSE**

PUBLICATION DATE: JUNE 2005

Suriname informs that no funding has been identified to design and implement a study on the relation between mortality and drug abuse previously scheduled for 2006.

CICAD takes note of the information submitted by Suriname in response to this recommendation and accepts the justification provided.

**RECOMMENDATION 13:****CARRY OUT STUDIES TO COLLECT DATA ON CRIMES AND ACCIDENTS RELATED TO DRUG ABUSE**

PUBLICATION DATE: JUNE 2005

Suriname informs that no funding has been identified to design and implement studies to collect data on crimes and accidents related to drug abuse previously scheduled for 2006.

CICAD takes note of the information submitted by Suriname in response to this recommendation and accepts the justification provided.

**RECOMMENDATION 14:****EXPEDITE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CENTRAL MECHANISM FOR DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS ON ILLICIT DRUG CULTIVATION AND PRODUCTION**

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Suriname informs that the Narcotic Squad of the Judicial Department is the national entity for data collection and analysis on illicit drug cultivation and production. The country reports that several police resorts in the districts report directly to the Narcotic Squad.

CICAD considers that Suriname has not provided sufficient information to conduct an adequate evaluation. CICAD encourages the country to fulfill this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 15:****IMPLEMENT A QUALITATIVE SYSTEM TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTROL OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS**

PUBLICATION DATE: JUNE 2005

Suriname has not started to implement this recommendation.

CICAD encourages Suriname to undertake the necessary measures to implement this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 16:****IMPLEMENT A MECHANISM TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM FOR THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS BY HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**

PUBLICATION DATE: JUNE 2005

Suriname has not started to implement this recommendation.

CICAD encourages Suriname to undertake the necessary measures to implement this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 17:****UPDATE LEGISLATION CONCERNING PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS**

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Suriname informs that a commission was installed in 2004 by the Minister of Health to review the pharmaceutical legislation. This commission met to review the current legislation, and discussed the need for an update of the pharmaceutical legislation, as well as the need for looking at additional expertise in order to draft the legislation.

CICAD encourages Suriname to make efforts to fully implement the recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 18:****ENACT SPECIFIC LEGISLATION ON CONTROL OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND, 1999–2000**

PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2001

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Suriname has not started to implement this recommendation.

CICAD expresses its concern over the lack of fulfillment of this recommendation, given that it was assigned to the country during the First Evaluation Round, 1999–2000, and urges Suriname to comply with this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 19:****IMPLEMENT A MECHANISM TO EVALUATE THE EFFICACY OF THE RESPONSIBLE ENTITY FOR CONTROLLING THE EXPORT, IMPORT, PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF CONTROLLED CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE SECOND EVALUATION ROUND, 2001–2002**

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Suriname informs that the mechanism that is to be implemented needs a legislative basis which will be incorporated in the review of the Pharmaceutical Legislation.





CICAD observes the lack of progress in fulfilling this recommendation and urges the country to intensify its efforts to fully comply with this recommendation, given that it was assigned to the country during the Second Evaluation Round, 2001–2002.

### **RECOMMENDATION 20:**

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

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Suriname informs that the regulatory framework to facilitate the application of sanctions for the diversion of controlled chemical substances also needs a legislative basis that is to be implemented by a commission.

CICAD encourages Suriname to make efforts to implement the recommendation.

### **RECOMMENDATION 21:**

#### **DEVELOP A SPECIFIC UNIT IN ORDER TO COLLECT AND SHARE INFORMATION ON ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING AMONG THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

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Suriname reports that in 2003 the Office of the General Attorney installed a unit, entitled the National Coordination Centre Suriname (NCCS) to collect information on illicit drug trafficking. The NCCS is formed by personnel involved in combating drug trafficking and acts under the authority of the Attorney General. The data collected by the NCCS is mostly operational and strategic intelligence, as well as information on drug trafficking and/or drug trends.

CICAD views with satisfaction the fulfillment of this recommendation.

### **RECOMMENDATION 22:**

#### **IMPLEMENT A FORMAL MECHANISM TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NATIONAL ENTITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTROLLING THE MOVEMENT OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS**

PUBLICATION DATE: JUNE 2005

Suriname has not started to implement this recommendation.

CICAD encourages the country to make initial efforts to implement this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 23:****CREATE A REGISTER OF PERSONS CONVICTED FOR ILLICIT POSSESSION AND TRAFFICKING OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND, 1999–2000**

PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2001

REITERATION DATE: JANUARY 2003

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Suriname informs that the units operating from the Military Police and the Police Force have a register of persons convicted for illicit possession and trafficking of firearms, ammunition and explosives.

CICAD views with satisfaction the fulfillment of the recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 24:****EXPAND THE LIST OF INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL FOR MONEY LAUNDERING**

PUBLICATION DATE: JUNE 2005

Suriname reports that financial and non-financial institutions have been mandated to comply with the Unusual Transaction Act since the creation of the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) in 2003. The non-financial institutions include: notary offices, brokerages on immovable properties, accountants, administrative offices, law firms, dealers in gold, or other precious metals and precious stones, and proprietors of gaming establishments.

The country states that the FIU provides guidance to stakeholders to submit the reports and about 80% of the institutions are in compliance.

CICAD takes note of the information provided by Suriname and encourages the country to fully comply with this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 25:****ESTABLISH A REGISTER OF PERSONS ARRESTED, TRIED AND CONVICTED FOR MONEY LAUNDERING**

PUBLICATION DATE: JUNE 2005

Suriname informs that the Office of the Attorney General created in 2003 a register of persons arrested, tried and convicted for money laundering.

CICAD views with satisfaction the fulfillment of the recommendation.



## **RECOMMENDATION 26:**

### **ESTABLISH AN ENTITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND DISPOSAL OF SEIZED AND FORFEITED ASSETS IN CASES OF ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING AND MONEY LAUNDERING**

PUBLICATION DATE: JUNE 2005

Suriname informs that the Office of the Attorney General is in charge of the administration and disposal of seized and forfeited assets in cases of illicit drug trafficking and money laundering.

CICAD views with satisfaction the fulfillment of the recommendation.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

CICAD assigned 26 recommendations to Suriname in the Third Evaluation Round, 2003–2004. Out of these, six have been implemented: the approval of the National Drug Master Plan; offering of specialized training in drug abuse prevention and treatment; the development of the National Coordination Centre Suriname (NCCS) to collect and share information on illicit drug trafficking among the law enforcement agencies; the creation of a register of persons convicted for illicit possession and trafficking of firearms, ammunition and explosives; the establishment of a register of persons arrested, tried and convicted for money laundering; and, the establishment of an entity for the administration and disposal of seized and forfeited assets in cases of illicit drug trafficking and money laundering.

However, CICAD observes with concern that the implementation of five recommendations has not yet started: the establishment and implementation of mechanisms to evaluate treatment and rehabilitation programs; the implementation of a qualitative system to evaluate the effectiveness of the entity responsible for the control of pharmaceutical products; the implementation of a mechanism to evaluate the effectiveness of the control system for the use and distribution of pharmaceutical products by health care professionals; the enactment of specific legislation on control of chemical substances; and, the implementation of a mechanism to evaluate the effectiveness of the national entities responsible for controlling the movement of firearms, ammunition, explosives and other related materials.

Suriname has adequately addressed three recommendations and has shown progress in seven, including the implementation of the drug demand reduction program (DDR) and the review of pharmaceutical legislation.

In most cases, the country indicates a lack of human and financial resources as impediments for carrying out the recommendations and notes that assistance has been sought from CICAD.

CICAD recognizes the commitment of Suriname with the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) process and encourages the country to fully comply with the pending recommendations.