**RECOMMENDATION 1:****REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999-2000 TO RATIFY THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS****PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2001
REITERATION DATE: JANUARY 2003**

Belize reports that the Cabinet is still examining this Convention, because there are concerns about protecting national sovereignty. They plan to ratify it within a year.

CICAD expresses its concern that Belize has not made sufficient progress in implementing this recommendation that it was issued during the First Evaluation Round 1999-2000, and urges the country to implement fully this recommendation, if possible by the end of 2004.

RECOMMENDATION 2:**SIGN AND RATIFY THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME AND ITS THREE PROTOCOLS****PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2001**

Belize reports that the Cabinet ratified the Convention on September 26, 2003. It also reports that to date only the Protocol on Human Trafficking have been signed, ratified and deposited with the United Nations.

CICAD expresses its satisfaction that the country has complied with the Ratification of the Convention and urges the country to ratify the other two pending Protocols.

RECOMMENDATION 3:**CONDUCT A NATIONAL SURVEY ON THE GENERAL POPULATION IN ORDER TO FORMULATE CLEAR DRUG PREVENTION POLICIES AND STRATEGIES****PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2001**

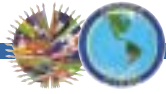
Belize reports that it does not have an instrument or mechanism for conducting surveys and that it has limited funds for such actions. It further reports that it has asked the National Statistical Office to develop an instrument for the surveys.

The country reports that it requires technical and financial assistance and that there is an urgent need to fulfill this recommendation.

CICAD encourages Belize to implement an instrument or mechanism for conducting surveys on the general population that will permit determination of clear strategies and policies on prevention.

RECOMMENDATION 4:**REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999-2000 TO ADOPT LEGISLATION TO REGULATE CONTROLLED CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES****PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2001
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Belize reports that the first draft legislation to regulate controlled chemical substances has been finalized and submitted to the office of the Solicitor General for approval. It further reports that



submission to the Cabinet for approval and enactment is pending, and that it hopes to complete the process within one year. However, this period may be extended, since this is the first time that legislation has been established for the control of chemical precursors.

CICAD urges Belize to proceed with the legal procedures for the approval and enactment of this legal instrument to fulfill this recommendation, if possible by the end of 2004.

RECOMMENDATION 5:

IMPLEMENT FULLY THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST THE ILLICIT MANUFACTURING OF AND TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS (CIFTA), IN PARTICULAR STRENGTHENING INFORMATION AND EVALUATION MECHANISMS IN THE AREA OF ILLICIT TRAFFICKING OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

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Belize reports that in compliance with the recommendation, it enacted Act 23 in 2000, and that it is in the process of establishing analysis and evaluation mechanisms to ensure full application of the law. There are on going discussions to consolidate and establish the required mechanisms. It further reports that to do so, it needs to improve its inter-institutional coordination.

The country also reports that main problem in establishing information and evaluation mechanisms in the area of illicit trafficking in firearms and ammunition relates to the lack of coordination among the responsible institutions.

CICAD encourages Belize to increase its efforts at coordination in order to establish this information and evaluation mechanism, as soon as possible.

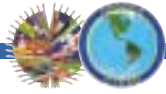
RECOMMENDATION 6:

CREATE AN ENTITY/ENTITIES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND/OR DISPOSAL OF ASSETS SEIZED AND CONFISCATED IN RELATION TO THE OFFENSES OF ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING AND MONEY LAUNDERING

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Belize reports that currently the Courts are responsible for the disposal of assets seized and confiscated. Likewise, the country reports that the Financial Intelligent Unites (FIU) is the competent authority and mechanism for implementation of the process.

CICAD expresses its satisfaction for the full implementation of this recommendation.



CONCLUSIONS

Since the First Evaluation Round 1999-2000 of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism, Belize has made some progress. Nevertheless, the country has to increase its efforts to fully comply with the unfulfilled recommendations of the Second Evaluation Round 2001-2002.

In addition, there are no improvement made in conducting a national survey on the general population, it also expresses its concern that Belize has not made sufficient advance in strengthening the information mechanism and the evaluation systems in the illicit traffic of the firearms and ammunition.

Also, Belize has complied with the ratification of the Convention of the United Nations against the Transnational Organized Crime and one of its Protocols. Likewise, the country reports that the Financial Information Unit (FIU) is in place and is the entity that administrates the seized goods.

CICAD urges the country to make all possible efforts to address the problem of drugs. It also expresses its concern that Belize has not made sufficient progress in implementing the recommendations and encourages the country to request the required assistance.

