

RECOMMENDATION 1:

RATIFY THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME AND ITS THREE PROTOCOLS

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Dominica reports that the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its three Protocols are being discussed. No chronological plan has been established for ratification.

CICAD observes a lack of progress and urges the country to comply with this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999 – 2000 TO INCORPORATE A SUSTAINED EVALUATION SYSTEM INTO ALL STAGES OF THE NATIONAL ANTI-DRUG MASTER PLAN (2000 – 2004) TO PERMIT THE ANALYSIS, MONITORING AND INTERPRETATION OF INFORMATION ON THE PROCESSES, EFFECTS AND IMPACT OF INTERVENTIONS IN DEMAND AND SUPPLY REDUCTION AND CONTROL MEASURES

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Dominica reports that it has not started implementation of this recommendation to incorporate a sustained evaluation system into all stages of the National Plan.

CICAD expresses its concern over the lack of progress to comply with this recommendation, which was assigned to Dominica during the First Evaluation Round 1999 – 2000, and urges the country to comply if possible, by the end of 2004.

RECOMMENDATION 3:

DEVELOP PREVALENCE OF DRUG USE STUDIES IN THE GENERAL POPULATION

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Dominica indicates that given the costs associated with the implementation of a General Population Survey, the country will be unable to carry out the survey until fiscal year 2004 - 2005. The country reports that between July 2004 and June 2005, its National Drug Prevention Unit will work with the Statistical Department and the Health Promotion's Department to first pilot and then implement the General Population Survey.

CICAD takes note of the information stated by the country and encourages it to fulfill its proposed commitments within the planned time.



RECOMMENDATION 4:

REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999 - 2000 TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT MECHANISMS TO ESTIMATE THE AREA IN USE FOR ILLICIT CROP CULTIVATION

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Dominica reports that the Commonwealth of Dominica Police Force has developed and is now utilizing a new formula for estimating the area in use for illicit crop cultivation.

CICAD expresses its satisfaction with the fulfillment of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 5:

ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FOR ALL ASPECTS OF MONITORING, REGULATING AND PREVENTING THE DIVERSION OF PHARMACEUTICALS

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Dominica indicates that a Bill to provide for comprehensive regulation of pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical practice has been drafted and had its First Reading in Parliament on November 17, 2003. The Bill has a number of key components including: 1) provision of a system for registration of pharmacists and pharmacies; 2) assigning to pharmacists responsibility for the development and monitoring of the practice of pharmacy and its relationship with other professions; and 3) allowing for disciplinary actions to be taken against a pharmacists who do not adhere to the dictates of the profession as set out in the law by a committee of their peers.

Under the proposed Bill, a Pharmacy Council would be established and would act as the regulatory body for the pharmacy profession. Provisions would be made for the appointment of qualified inspectors to monitor compliance and enforce where breaches of the required standard occur.

CICAD encourages Dominica to persist in its efforts to obtain the full implementation of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 6:

ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FOR ALL ASPECTS OF MONITORING, REGULATING AND PREVENTING THE DIVERSION OF CONTROLLED CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES

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Dominica indicates that it has prepared a Bill, whose main objective is to provide for the monitoring and control of precursor chemicals and other chemical substances used or capable of being used in any type of illicit transaction involving narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances or other substances having a similar effect. This bill has had its First Reading in Parliament on November 17, 2003.

In addition, this Bill seeks to prohibit the production, manufacture, preparation, distribution, importation and exportation of precursor chemicals and other chemicals without a license issued by the Ministry of Health. A permit is also required for the importation and exportation of precursor chemicals and other chemicals and each shipment requires a separate permit.



Through this Bill, the country seeks to empower the Chief Medical Officer to revoke or suspend a license or permit in certain circumstances and further seeks to specify the grounds on which a license or permit may be revoked or suspended.

CICAD encourages Dominica to persist in its efforts to obtain the full implementation of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 7:

ENACT THE INTEGRITY IN PUBLIC OFFICE ACT

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Dominica indicates that the Law of Integrity In Public Office Act is now part of Dominica's Laws, (Act. No.6/2003). The Act was passed in Parliament on April 29, 2003 and gazetted on June 5, 2003.

CICAD expresses its satisfaction with the fulfillment of this recommendation.

CONCLUSIONS

Dominica has fulfilled two of its recommendations issued during the Second Evaluation Round 2001 – 2002, when it initiated a mechanism to measure the area used for illicit crops and when it incorporated in its internal legislation the Law of Integrity in Public Office.

In addition, the country also made progress through the drafting and First Reading of a Bill to enact legislation to provide for all aspects of monitoring, regulating and preventing the diversion of pharmaceuticals and controlled chemical substances, which is currently awaiting a Second Reading in Parliament.

Dominica reports to be planning for a General Population Survey on drug use for the fiscal year 2004 – 2005. The country has pending the incorporation of a sustained evaluation system into all stages of the National Anti-Drug Master Plan, which was recommended during the First Evaluation Round 1999 - 2000.

Regarding international conventions, the country has not ratified the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its three Protocols.

CICAD recognizes Dominica's progress to date and encourages the country to fully comply with the outstanding recommendations.