

RECOMMENDATION 1:

REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999-2000 TO APPROVE AND IMPLEMENT THE NATIONAL ANTI-DRUG PLAN

PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2001
REITERATION DATE: JANUARY 2003

St. Vincent and the Grenadines indicates that its national Anti-Drug Plan has been drafted and is awaiting Cabinet approval. The Plan was drafted in 2000 and revised in 2003. It covers 4 broad areas: Prevention, Supply Reduction and Law Enforcement, Treatment and Rehabilitation, and the establishment of the National Drug Council.

CICAD expresses its concern towards a reiterate recommendation and urges the country to fully comply this recommendation, if possible, by the end of 2004.

CICAD urges Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to define the role of the National Drug Council in relation to the Anti-Drug Plan and to provide a clear perspective of the coordination of the government and non-government programmes being monitored by the Drug Information Network. What is required is a clearer sense of the cohesion between the relevant entities.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999-2000 TO RATIFY THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION

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St. Vincent and the Grenadines ratified the Inter-American Convention against Corruption on May 25, 2001. The instrument of ratification was deposited on June 5, 2001.

CICAD is satisfied that this recommendation has been fulfilled.

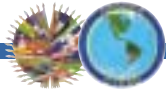
RECOMMENDATION 3:

REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999-2000 TO RATIFY THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST THE ILLICIT MANUFACTURING OF AND TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS (CIFTA)

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St. Vincent and the Grenadines indicates that the Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, and other Related Materials (CIFTA) was signed on November 14, 1997, but not yet ratified.

CICAD urges the country to comply with this reiterated recommendation to have the Convention ratified, if possible by the end of 2004.



RECOMMENDATION 4:

REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999-2000 TO SIGN AND RATIFY THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

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St. Vincent and the Grenadines indicate that an instrument similar to the Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters was signed in 1993.

CICAD urges the country to fully comply with the reiterated recommendation, if possible, by the end of 2004.

RECOMMENDATION 5:

SIGN AND RATIFY THE UN CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME AND ITS THREE PROTOCOLS

PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2003

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines informs that the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime was signed on July 24, 2002. The first and second protocols were signed on November 20, 2003.

CICAD encourages the country to sign the third Protocol and to ratify the Convention with its three Protocols.

RECOMMENDATION 6:

REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999-2000 TO APPROVE AND IMPLEMENT A NATIONAL DEMAND REDUCTION STRATEGY OR PLAN

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St. Vincent and the Grenadines indicates that a National Drug Demand Reduction programme has been approved and it began its execution on January 2004. Funding has been secured from the European Development Fund for an additional two years. The project will be evaluated after a twelve month period.

CICAD acknowledges efforts made by St. Vincent and the Grenadines and encourages the country to comply with this reiterated recommendation, if possible, by the end of 2004.

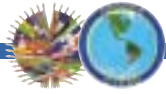
RECOMMENDATION 7:

REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999-2000 TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT

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Saint Vincent and the Grenadines indicates that the establishment of treatment and rehabilitation facilities is included in the demand reduction plan mentioned in Recommendation 6.

CICAD urges the country to fulfill this reiterated recommendation, if possible, by the end of 2004.



RECOMMENDATION 8:

REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999-2000 TO CONDUCT FURTHER STUDIES ON THE PREVALENCE OF DRUG ABUSE AMONG THE GENERAL POPULATION

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Saint Vincent and the Grenadines indicates that there are no immediate plans to conduct studies on the prevalence of drug abuse among the general population.

CICAD urges the country to fulfill this reiterated recommendation, if possible, by the end of 2004.

RECOMMENDATION 9:

DEVELOP FORMAL MECHANISMS TO EVALUATE EFFECTIVENESS OF ENTITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTROLLING OF AND PREVENTING THE DIVERSION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS AND CONTROLLED CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE, AND FOR OPERATIONAL EXCHANGE AND COLLABORATION AMONG NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITIES FOR THE CONTROL OF PHARMACEUTICALS AND CONTROLLED CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES

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Saint Vincent and the Grenadines indicates that the Pharmacy Act was passed in 2003 and that the National Drug Information Network was established.

CICAD acknowledges the efforts made by the country to pass the Pharmacy Act.

CICAD is concerned that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has provided insufficient information to make a sound evaluation and urges the country to comply fully with the recommendation.

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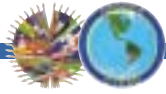
DEVELOP A FORMAL MECHANISM TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MECHANISMS FOR MONITORING AND REGULATING THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS BY AUTHORIZED HEALTH OFFICIALS

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Saint Vincent and the Grenadines indicates that there is a need to strengthen the data management capacity of law enforcement agencies and to strengthen import and export regulations.

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CONCLUSIONS

CICAD expresses serious concern that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has repeatedly not provided useful information to assist the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) in its evaluation.

CICAD is concerned that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has not complied with nine of ten recommendations issued to the country.

CICAD is left to question the commitment of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the MEM process and urges it to comply fully in keeping with the spirit of the Anti-drug strategy.