**RECOMMENDATION 1:****INCLUDE PROGRAM EVALUATION IN THE STRATEGIC DRUG MASTER PLAN****PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2003**

Suriname informs that the new National Drug Master Plan does mention program evaluation as a key aspect of program implementation but does not entail modalities of the evaluation.

CICAD recognizes the progress made by the country and encourages Suriname to fully comply with the recommendation in 2004.

RECOMMENDATION 2:**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)****PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2001****REITERATION DATE: JANUARY 2003**

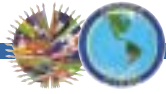
Suriname reports that the Inter-American Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and other Related Materials has been submitted to National Assembly for approval but the follow up of this matter depends on the Assembly's agenda priority.

CICAD expresses its concern over the lack of fulfillment of this recommendation given that it was assigned to the country in the First Evaluation Round 1999-2000. Therefore, CICAD urges Suriname to expedite the ratification of the Inter-American Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and other Related Materials, if possible by the end of 2004.

RECOMMENDATION 3:**SIGN AND RATIFY THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME AND ITS THREE PROTOCOLS****PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2003**

Suriname informs that the relevant Ministries have been advised to commence the process of signing the Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime and its three Protocols. Suriname anticipated that the timeframe for the ratification of the above mentioned instruments would be the first quarter of 2004.

CICAD encourages Suriname to continue efforts in implementing this recommendation, within the timeframe indicated by the country.

**RECOMMENDATION 4:****REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999-2000 TO ENACT SPECIFIC LEGISLATION ON CONTROL OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CICAD MODEL REGULATIONS**

PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2001

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Suriname reports that legislation on control of chemical substances has been drafted and requires approval by the Council of Ministers before submission to the Legislative body. The country reports that it is difficult to indicate a time sequence for the fulfillment of this recommendation due to a shortage of staff, among other issues. Suriname also informs that technical assistance has been provided by CICAD.

CICAD expresses its concern over the lack of action by Suriname, given that this recommendation was assigned to the country in the First Evaluation Round 1999-2000 and urges Suriname to expedite the enactment of the legislation on the control of chemical substances in accordance with CICAD Model Regulations, if possible by the end of 2004.

RECOMMENDATION 5:**REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999-2000 TO DEVELOP AND APPLY AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM FOR THE COLLECTION, ANALYSIS, AND MAINTENANCE OF STATISTICS AND DOCUMENTS**

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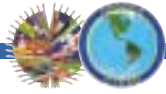
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Suriname reports that the National Coordination Center Suriname (NCCS) has been created as the body in charge of data networking. The country also informs that it participates in the Caribbean Drug Information Network (CARIDIN) Project, and has already produced the Suriname Drug Information Network (SURIDIN) 2002 report. The sub-commission of the National Anti-Drug Council has also been appointed by the Minister of Health to guide the data collection and dissemination processes.

A timetable has been established from November 2003 to July 2004 for the publication date of the first national report in order to fully implement this recommendation. The country indicates that some financial and technical assistance has been provided by inter-alia OAS/ CICAD in order to conduct surveys. However, Suriname also notes that equipment is also needed for the national grid alliance/network as well as training in maintaining the network collection, analysis and dissemination of information.

Suriname also reports that the NCCS was both appointed by and is under the chairmanship of the Attorney General. The partners are the Police Force, the Military Police, the Customs Department and the Ministry of Defense. Its mandate is intelligence, including narco-intelligence and relevant support to existing law enforcement agencies. The NCCS also manages the relevant data related to its operations.

CICAD encourages Suriname to persist in its efforts towards fulfillment of this recommendation.



RECOMMENDATION 6:

APPROVE THE DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PLAN

PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2003

Suriname reports that the implementation of this recommendation is in progress. The country has signed a financial agreement with the European Commission in order to finalize and approve the Demand Reduction Plan.

The country informs that the European Commission has provided financial assistance for US\$ 883,840 while the government of Suriname's contribution will cover the running costs of local activities and salaries for local staff.

The Terms of Reference for the Project Coordinator were submitted to the EU and approved and a Consultant appointed to commence work in April 2004.

CICAD acknowledges the progress made and encourages Suriname to carry out its activities in fulfillment of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 7:

IMPLEMENT SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOR PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION

PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2003

Suriname reports that fifty-four community workers trained in participatory education in drug prevention with support from the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) and the Inter-American Children's Institute in the framework of the Caribbean-Wide Project on Drug Abuse Prevention and Child-Oriented Policies. Fourteen Caribbean Community (CARICOM) member states participate in the project and develop together a distance education program.

The country informs that face-to-face workshops were held in November 2003 to train 15 community workers and it requests technical and financial assistance in order to commence training prevention workers in the basic standards of care and prevention.

CICAD appreciates the additional information provided by Suriname in response to a request on specialized training for personnel involved in drug abuse prevention. CICAD encourages Suriname to widen the scope of its outreach programs to the intended target groups.

RECOMMENDATION 8:

REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999-2000 TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES ON MINIMUM STANDARDS OF CARE FOR DRUG TREATMENT

PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2001
REITERATION DATE: JANUARY 2003

Suriname informs that this recommendation will be addressed together with the implementation of the new drug demand reduction program under recommendations 6 and 7. According to Suriname, the lack of an executive office at the Drug Council is a serious obstacle towards the implementation of this recommendation.

CICAD urges Suriname to take the necessary steps to implement this reiterated recommendation by the end of 2004.



RECOMMENDATION 9:

CONDUCT RESEARCH ON THE USE OF DRUGS IN THE GENERAL POPULATION

PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2003

Suriname has planned four surveys for the period November 2003 - April 2004 as follows: Emergency Room Patients Survey (November 2003); Juvenile Delinquency Survey (November 2003); Global Tobacco Youth Survey (April 2004) and the Secondary School Survey (April 2004). The country reports that Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) have been signed with the Inter-American Observatory on Drugs (OID) for financial assistance in the implementation of the Inter-American Drug Use Data System (SIDUC) surveys planned for 2003.

Due to budgetary constraints from the Ministry of Health, the country requests assistance in order to fund implementation of the survey, the analysis and the treatment of the data. Some assistance has been provided by CICAD but the country did not indicate the nature of that assistance.

CICAD recognizes progress made in various surveys; however, CICAD encourages Suriname to continue with its efforts in order to carry out the general population surveys in the timeframe indicated.

RECOMMENDATION 10:

REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999-2000 TO EVALUATE TREATMENT, REHABILITATION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS

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REITERATION DATE: JANUARY 2003

Suriname informs that the implementation of this recommendation has not yet commenced, as the Council does not have the structure needed for planning and implementation of such activities.

The country indicates that it requires assistance for implementation of this recommendation.

CICAD expresses its concerns over the lack of fulfillment of this recommendation which was assigned to the country in the First Evaluation Round 1999-2000 and urges Suriname to implement the recommendation if possible by the end of 2004.

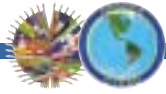
RECOMMENDATION 11:

ESTABLISH IMPROVED MECHANISMS TO ERADICATE ILLICIT CULTIVATION AND PREVENT ITS INCREASE

PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2003

Suriname informs that the implementation of this recommendation has not commenced due to a lack of material, financial and human resources. Suriname requires assistance in order to fulfill the recommendation.

CICAD encourages Suriname to make efforts to comply with the recommendation.



RECOMMENDATION 12:

ESTABLISH A FORMAL MECHANISM TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTROL OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS AND CONTROLLED CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES

PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2003

Suriname reports that the implementation of this recommendation has not commenced due to a lack of available expertise. However, the country does not indicate the measures taken in order to overcome this problem.

CICAD maintains the recommendation and encourages Suriname to make efforts to comply with the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 13:

UTILIZE THE INTERNATIONAL MEASUREMENT SYSTEM FOR REPORTING AREAS OF ILLICIT CROPS

PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2003

Suriname informs that general instructions were sent out to law enforcement agencies to introduce and keep to international measurement systems in assessing crops and cultivations.

Suriname also informs that the Judicial Department and the Narcotic Squad comply in their reports with this guideline.

CICAD views with satisfaction the fulfillment of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 14:

DEVELOP A SYSTEM TO COMPILE INFORMATION REGARDING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS CONVICTED FOR ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING, CHARGED OR CONVICTED FOR ILLICIT DRUG POSSESSION

PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2003

Suriname reports that a system is being developed to compile information regarding the number of persons convicted for illicit drug trafficking and charged or convicted for illicit drug possession. This system falls under the purview of the Office of the Attorney General. Suriname also identified ongoing initiatives aimed at strengthening the system. These include acquisition of additional hardware, completion of the database, the implementation of a stringent back-up plan, and strengthening its human resource capabilities through training.

CICAD encourages Suriname to continue in its efforts to bring the system to a state of full capacity so that the recommendation could be fully implemented.

RECOMMENDATION 15:

ENACT LEGISLATION ON CORRUPTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION AS APPLICABLE

PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2003

Suriname reports that the enactment of national legislation or relevant regulations relative to the Convention is still being awaited.



CICAD encourages Suriname to complete its legal procedures in order to fully comply with this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 16:

REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999-2000 TO CREATE A REGISTER OF PERSONS TRIED AND CONVICTED FOR THE ILLICIT MANUFACTURE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

**PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2001
REITERATION DATE: JANUARY 2003**

Suriname reports that a database of all persons arrested is being developed. This instrument needs refinement and linkages with related departments in the judicial system. Suriname reports that the Access database includes a register of persons tried and convicted for the illicit manufacture and illicit trafficking of firearms and ammunition.

CICAD urges Suriname to intensify its efforts, in order to create a register of persons tried and convicted for the illicit manufacture and illicit trafficking of firearms and ammunition and fulfill this recommendation which was assigned in the First Evaluation Round 1999-2000, if possible by the end of 2004.

CONCLUSIONS

CICAD notes that, of the sixteen recommendations assigned to Suriname, one has been fully complied with, namely the utilization of an international measurement system for reporting areas of illicit crops. The other recommendations are at various stages of implementation and progress thus far has generally not been substantial.

CICAD takes this opportunity to encourage Suriname to maintain its effort to implement all recommendations, specifically those that have been assigned since the First Evaluation Round 1999-2000. These include ratification of the Inter-American Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and other related materials (CIFTA), enactment of legislation to control chemical substances in accordance with CICAD Model Regulations and the development of an integrated system for the analysis and maintenance of statistics and documents. In so doing, Suriname would strengthen its own capacity and demonstrate more visibly its continuing commitment to the MEM process.