

**RECOMMENDATION 1:****ACCEDE TO THE UN CONVENTIONS OF 1961 AND 1971**

Belize informs that the Conventions were acceded to on 12 July 2001 by the signature of the Prime Minister.

CICAD is pleased that this recommendation was fulfilled.

RECOMMENDATION 2:**SIGN AND RATIFY THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS**

Belize informs that preparatory work is still in progress by the office of the Solicitor General for the signature and ratification of the Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters.

CICAD urges Belize to continue with its legal procedures to adopt this inter-American legal instrument as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATION 3:**RATIFY THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION**

In June 2001, Belize signed the Inter-American Convention against Corruption.

While CICAD acknowledges how quickly Belize moved to sign this Convention, it must be ratified as soon as possible.

CICAD reiterates the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 4:**CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT OF A "DRUGS IN THE WORKPLACE" PROGRAM**

Belize reports that it began to take measures at a limited pace to fulfill this recommendation, stressing the need for technical assistance for its design and implementation.

CICAD recognizes the progress made by Belize and encourages it to complete this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 5:**CONTINUE THE PROCESS TO APPROVE A NATIONAL DEMAND REDUCTION STRATEGY BASED ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION AND ITS PLAN OF ACTION FOR PURPOSES OF SYSTEMATICALLY DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS IN THIS CRITICAL AREA**

Belize reports that progress was made in developing and implementing programs based on the guiding principles of drug demand reduction. Financial, technical, human resource, and infrastructure problems are being surmounted, and full implementation is expected to take two years.

CICAD invites Belize to continue to implement the established programs within the time frame provided for in its strategy.

**RECOMMENDATION 6:****CREATE AND IMPLEMENT A PROCESS TO MEASURE THE PREVALENCE OF DRUG USE TO INCLUDE THE ANNUAL INCIDENCE OF NEW DRUG USERS**

In October 2001, Belize will conduct a High School Survey as a first step towards fulfilling this recommendation. It reported that within 18 months it will develop procedures for periodically measuring drug abuse and the annual incidence of new users.

While CICAD recognizes Belize's efforts, it feels that the age range and urban and rural population segments in the sample used should be expanded.

CICAD acknowledges the progress made by Belize and encourages completion of the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 7:**PROVIDE SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION**

Belize estimates that it will implement the measures indicated in this recommendation within one year, and stressed the need for support from the international community to that end.

CICAD acknowledges Belize's position regarding the importance of intensively developing and implementing demand reduction programs and the key role that training plays in achieving this objective.

CICAD encourages Belize to complete the recommendation by the target date.

RECOMMENDATION 8:**ESTABLISH LEGISLATION TO CONTROL CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES**

Belize reports that it will take one year to review its legislation on this subject, carry out a Situational Analysis to establish a database and effectuate the corresponding control of chemical substances.

CICAD recognizes that preliminary measures have been taken by Belize to fulfill the recommendation, and reiterates the recommendation to establish systems in the country's domestic legislation to control chemical substances.

RECOMMENDATION 9:**DEVELOP THE CAPACITY TO ESTIMATE THE HUMAN, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC COST OF THE DRUG PROBLEM**

CICAD concludes that for this recommendation to be implemented, it will be necessary to devise a project addressing the methodological bases for conducting a study of the social, human, and



economic costs of the drug problem.

Accordingly, in the first half of 2002 CICAD, together with states in the Hemisphere that have progressed in this area, will present a proposed basic and homogeneous methodology applicable to all countries.

FINAL COMMENT

CICAD has examined carefully the report submitted by Belize and considers that it has made progress in complying with the recommendations.

Moreover, CICAD considers that, in light of the interest shown by Belize, the efforts begun should be continued according to the time frames the report has established to comply with recommendations whose implementation is in progress.

CICAD takes note of Belize's needs in the area of international cooperation to comply with the recommendations.

