

**RECOMMENDATION 1:****SIGN AND RATIFY THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS; RATIFY THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST THE ILLICIT MANUFACTURING OF AND TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES, AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS, AND ACCEDE TO THE 1971 UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES**

Honduras reports that it estimates that this recommendation will be implemented during the next legislative session starting in January 2002.

Based on the information provided by the country, CICAD reiterates the recommendation and urges the country to approve the mentioned international instruments in the scheduled timeframe.

**RECOMMENDATION 2:****DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM FOR THE COLLECTION, ANALYSIS, AND MAINTENANCE OF STATISTICS AND DOCUMENTS**

Although Honduras states that it has not begun implementing this recommendation, it indicates that the National Statistics Institute is responsible for organizing the collection of data and is currently coordinating with the Honduran Observatory on Drugs, which will provide a good opportunity to implement this recommendation.

CICAD maintains this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 3:****IMPLEMENT THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION AND ITS PLAN OF ACTION**

Honduras has already disseminated the Declaration by making it available to the appropriate institutions and nongovernmental organizations, which are using it as a reference document in planning and executing their programs. It is expected that this recommendation will be duly implemented by July 2002.

CICAD recognizes the progress made and urges Honduras to continue its efforts to fully implement this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 4:****CONDUCT STUDIES TO DETERMINE THE MAGNITUDE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF DRUG USE AMONG THE GENERAL POPULATION USING INDICATORS RELATED TO PREVALENCE, INCIDENCE AND AGE OF FIRST USE**

Honduras indicates that studies to determine the prevalence, incidence, and age of first use of drugs are under way and that a first phase has been completed and its findings published. In order to do this, the country received international economic and technical assistance, which, it says, will also be needed for the next phases.

CICAD recognizes the efforts made by Honduras to implement this recommendation, and urges the country to consider completing the studies in order to have these indicators available as soon as possible.

**RECOMMENDATION 5:****ESTABLISH A MECHANISM TO EVALUATE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

Honduras informs about roundtable discussions that have taken place on this subject with the School of Medicine and Nursing. With this in mind, it estimates that the recommendation made by CICAD is likely to be fully implemented by the end of 2002. The country has requested assistance from United Nations Drug control Program (UNDCP) Mexico, while at the same time, it is promoting a degree in drug studies, to be offered by the Honduran School of Medicine.

CICAD recognizes the efforts being made by Honduras to implement this recommendation and urges the country to continue working toward this goal.

**RECOMMENDATION 6:****IMPLEMENT "DRUGS IN THE WORKPLACE" PROGRAMS**

Honduras indicates that to date, the recommendation has been promoted to the private sector and trade unions. Efforts are also being made to take steps to implement it in government offices as well. To that end, the authorities have received application manuals from CICAD and from the United States of America. It should also be noted that the Workers Confederation (Central de Trabajadores) has expressed its support for preventive programs.

CICAD recognizes the efforts made by Honduras to implement these programs, in particular with the participation of the private sector and trade unions. However, the information provided to CICAD does not clearly establish how these programs are being applied in the government. Therefore, CICAD maintains this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 7:****ADOPT A SYSTEM TO ESTIMATE DRUG PRODUCTION ANNUALLY AND STRENGTHEN THE MECHANISM TO PREVENT THE EXPANSION OF ILLICIT DRUG PRODUCTION**

Honduras indicates that steps undertaken to strengthen the mechanism to prevent the expansion of illicit drug production include coordination between Public Security law enforcement units and the Attorney General's Office (Ministerio Público) and that assistance in this area is provided by the DEA of the United States of America. However, Honduras makes no mention at all of the adoption of a system to estimate annual drug production.

CICAD encourages Honduras to start work on developing such a system. CICAD maintains this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 8:****ESTABLISH A MECHANISM TO PREVENT THE DIVERSION OF CONTROLLED CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES**

Honduras reports that this recommendation will be implemented in 2002 and that it will attempt to achieve coordination between the Attorney General's Office (Ministerio Público), the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Finance.

CICAD reiterates this recommendation and urges Honduras to continue to implement this recommendation within the indicated timeframe.

**RECOMMENDATION 9:****REGULATE THE PROFESSIONS INVOLVED IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF PHARMACEUTICALS.**

Honduras informs that it acknowledges the existence of regulations in this area. However, the Government of Honduras states that it lacks trained staff, particularly since a training program has not been implemented. To date, a project has been proposed to create a degree in drug studies at the Honduran School of Medicine.

CICAD acknowledges the initial measures taken by the Honduran government and considers that it should, in the medium term, show further progress with respect to this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 10:****IMPLEMENT A PRE-NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF CONTROLLED CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES**

Honduras indicates that the pre-notification system is currently under way and it is estimated that it will be implemented by 2002. The entities responsible have met with inspectors of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), who provided them with written recommendations and comments after detecting shortcomings, which suggested that the Pharmacy Department of the Health Ministry needs strengthening.

CICAD encourages the Government of Honduras to comply with the recommendations as soon as possible in order to attain a serious and effective pre-notification system. Therefore, CICAD maintains the recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 11:****KEEP RECORDS ON THE MANUFACTURE OF, TRAFFICKING IN, IMPORT AND EXPORT OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS**

Honduras reports that a new law has been passed and has entered into force, based on the OAS/CICAD Model Regulations, making the Ministry of Security responsible for keeping the above-mentioned records. Honduras has requested assistance from the United States to strengthen this recommendation given that there are large quantities of illegal firearms circulating in Central America that needs to be kept under control.

CICAD congratulates Honduras for this achievement and encourages its government to issue the regulations to the new law and to initiate consultations with neighboring countries in order to establish appropriate mechanisms to exchange information on this topic.

**RECOMMENDATION 12:****KEEP RECORDS ON SEIZURE OPERATIONS AND THE ROUTING AND ORIGIN OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES, AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS**

Honduras reports that it has not begun to implement this recommendation. CICAD reiterates this recommendation and urges Honduras to take appropriate steps to implement it as soon as possible.

**RECOMMENDATION 13:****ESTABLISH A LEGAL FRAMEWORK MAKING IT MANDATORY FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND OTHERS RESPONSIBLE TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS TRANSACTIONS RELATED TO MONEY LAUNDERING**

Honduras reports that a bill, accompanied already by a favorable report, has been submitted to Congress. This bill incorporates recommendations made by CICAD and the UNDCP. It also reports that the Honduran Association of Banking Institutions has agreed to the establishment of the Financial Intelligence Unit contemplated in this legislation.

CICAD acknowledges the efforts made to pass this legislation and encourages the Honduran authorities to continue to implement this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 14:****DEVELOP THE CAPACITY TO ESTIMATE THE HUMAN, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC COST OF THE DRUG PROBLEM**

Like most countries, Honduras points out that, given the complexities of implementing this recommendation, technical advice is required.

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**

Honduras has provided very general replies to the questionnaire, with only a limited amount of information. On that basis, CICAD observes that, although Honduras has made efforts to implement the recommendations, more effort is still required. In that connection, there is a clear need for the country to obtain the financial and technical support required for full implementation of the recommendations made by CICAD.

Finally, CICAD considers that Honduras must increase its efforts to attain the above objective and provide more detailed information on its financial and technical needs.