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PREFACE

The Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) is an instrument designed to measure progress in actions taken by the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) to address the global drug problem and other related offenses.

The Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), an OAS specialized agency, implemented this Mechanism in 1998, pursuant to a mandate from the Second Summit of the Americas held in Santiago, Chile in April 1988.

The MEM is not only a diagnostic tool but has also become a vehicle for disseminating information on the progress achieved through the individual and collective efforts of OAS member state governments, catalyzing hemispheric cooperation, promoting dialogue among member state government authorities, and precisely channeling assistance to areas requiring greater attention by optimizing resources.

The evaluation reports are drafted by the Governmental Expert Group (GEG), a multidisciplinary group composed of experts designated from all OAS/CICAD member states. Each expert functions independently from his or her own government, and experts do not participate in the evaluation of their own countries. Additionally, each country has the opportunity to review and comment on the contents of the evaluations, ensuring an open and participatory process.

The Fifth Evaluation Round, covering the period 2007-2009, consisted of two phases. The full evaluation phase assessed progress made by all member states in combating the drug problem in the subject areas of institutional strengthening, demand reduction, supply reduction and control measures. This culminated with the publication of national reports containing 350 recommendations for individual member states. The follow-up phase evaluated progress made in the implementation of the recommendations assigned in the Fifth Round.



RECOMMENDATION 1

APPROVE A NATIONAL ANTI-DRUG PLAN THAT SERVES AS THE FRAMEWORK FOR ALL ANTI-DRUG ACTIVITIES, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE THIRD EVALUATION ROUND, 2003-2004.

Saint Lucia has not started implementation of this recommendation.

CICAD notes with concern the lack of progress made and urges the country to comply with the reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the Third Evaluation Round, 2003-2004.

RECOMMENDATION 2

ACCEDE TO THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS, 1992, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND, 1999-2000.

Santa Lucia has not started implementation of this recommendation.

CICAD notes with concern the lack of progress made and urges the country to comply with the reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the First Evaluation Round, 1999-2000.

RECOMMENDATION 3

ACCEDE TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME, 2000 AND ITS THREE PROTOCOLS, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE SECOND EVALUATION ROUND, 2001-2002:

THE PROTOCOL AGAINST THE SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS BY LAND, SEA AND AIR;

THE PROTOCOL TO PREVENT, SUPPRESS AND PUNISH TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN;

THE PROTOCOL AGAINST THE ILLICIT MANUFACTURING OF AND TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS, THEIR PARTS AND COMPONENTS AND AMMUNITION.

Saint Lucia has not started implementation of this recommendation.

CICAD notes with concern the lack of progress and urges the country to take the necessary steps in order to comply with this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the Second Evaluation Round, 2001-2002.



RECOMMENDATION 4

ACCEDE TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION, 2003, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FOURTH EVALUATION ROUND, 2005-2006.

Saint Lucia has not started implementation of this recommendation.

CICAD notes with concern the lack of progress and urges the country to take the necessary steps in order to comply with this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the Fourth Evaluation Round, 2005-2006.

RECOMMENDATION 5

CONDUCT EVALUATIONS ON EXISTING DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAMS.

Saint Lucia has not started implementation of this recommendation.

CICAD encourages the country to fulfill this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 6

CONDUCT A SURVEY TO DETERMINE THE MAGNITUDE OF DRUG USE AMONG SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

Saint Lucia reports that it has completed the Global Youth Tobacco Survey in 2011.

CICAD takes note of the information provided and encourages the country to implement the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 7

ESTABLISH AN ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM TO MONITOR AND PREVENT DIVERSION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, INCLUDING CONTROLS FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FOURTH EVALUATION ROUND, 2005-2006.

Saint Lucia has not started implementation of this recommendation.

CICAD urges the country to fulfill the reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the Fourth Evaluation Round, 2005-2006.



RECOMMENDATION 8

ESTABLISH AN AUTOMATED INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO FACILITATE THE CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF THE DIVERSION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS.

Santa Lucia has not started implementation of this recommendation.

CICAD encourages the country to implement the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 10

CARRY OUT RESEARCH AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF THE ILLICIT TRAFFIC OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS AND OTHER DRUGS VIA THE INTERNET, WHICH WILL ENABLE THE COUNTRY TO IDENTIFY ITS REGULATORY AND OPERATIVE NEEDS, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FOURTH EVALUATION ROUND, 2005-2006.

Saint Lucia reports that training was conducted which included members of the Police, Air and Sea Ports Authorities and Customs, amongst others.

CICAD expresses its satisfaction with the fulfillment of this recommendation.



CONCLUSIONS

During the Fifth Evaluation Round, ten recommendations (seven reiterated from previous rounds) were assigned to Saint Lucia of which one has been completed, one is in progress, one has been withdrawn¹ and seven have not commenced.

CICAD observes that Saint Lucia has conducted training related to the prevention and control of illicit traffic of pharmaceutical products and other drugs via the internet, which included members of the Police, Air and Sea Ports Authorities and Customs, among others.

CICAD notes that Saint Lucia has completed the Global Youth Tobacco Survey in 2011, but has not carried out other studies to determine the magnitude of drug use among secondary school students.

CICAD expresses concerns about the lack of progress on the implementation of seven recommendations relating to: the approval of its National Anti-Drug Plan; accession to the Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, 1992, the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, 2000 and its three protocols, and the United Nations Convention against Corruption, 2003; evaluation of drug prevention programs; establishing an administrative system to monitor and prevent diversion of pharmaceutical products; and establishing an automated information management system to facilitate the control and prevention of the diversion of pharmaceutical products.

CICAD acknowledges the participation of Saint Lucia in the MEM process and encourages the country to continue its efforts in order to comply with the assigned recommendations.

¹ Recommendation 9 was withdrawn.

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