

# Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism MEM



# Barbados

2009 EVALUATION OF PROGRESS IN DRUG CONTROL  
IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS  
FROM THE FOURTH EVALUATION ROUND





**RECOMMENDATION 1:****APPROVE THE NATIONAL ANTI-DRUG PLAN, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE SECOND EVALUATION ROUND, 2001-2002.**

Barbados informs that the new National Anti-Drug Plan is being drafted.

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

**RECOMMENDATION 2:****FULLY INTEGRATE WITHIN THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATING AUTHORITY THE AREAS OF SUPPLY REDUCTION AND CONTROL MEASURES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF PARAGRAPH FIVE OF THE HEMISPHERIC ANTI-DRUG STRATEGY.**

Barbados reports that the implementation of this recommendation has not started.

CICAD encourages the country to develop actions in order to comply with this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 3:****RATIFY THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION, 1996, A REITERATED RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND, 1999-2000.**

Barbados informs that enabling legislation has been drafted in order to ratify the Convention.

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

**RECOMMENDATION 4:****ACCEDE TO THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS, 1992, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND, 1999-2000.**

Barbados reports that the implementation of this recommendation has not started.

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

**RECOMMENDATION 5:****RATIFY THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION, 2003.**

Barbados informs that enabling legislation has been drafted in order to ratify the Convention.

CICAD encourages Barbados to implement this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 6:**

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

- A. PROTOCOL AGAINST THE SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS BY LAND, SEA AND AIR;**
- B. PROTOCOL TO PREVENT, SUPPRESS AND PUNISH TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN;**
- C. PROTOCOL AGAINST THE ILLICIT MANUFACTURING OF AND TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS, THEIR PARTS AND COMPONENTS AND AMMUNITION.**

Barbados informs that the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel is in the process of preparing the legislation to address this recommendation.

CICAD takes note of the information provided and urges the country to comply with this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the Second Evaluation Round, 2001-2002.

**RECOMMENDATION 7:**

**IMPLEMENT A HELP LINE OR INFORMATION DESK TO PROVIDE DRUG-RELATED INFORMATION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.**

Barbados reports that the National Council on Substance Abuse (NCSA) provides information to the general public, including referral to treatment providers.

CICAD takes note of the information provided and considers this recommendation fulfilled.

**RECOMMENDATION 8:**

**INCREASE SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND RESEARCH.**

Barbados informs that as part of its annual strategic plan, the National Drug Council organizes training in prevention, treatment and research depending on its focus in any given year. Some training is carried out in partnership with other local, regional and international organizations or institutions.

The country reports that drug sensitization and awareness training was conducted with the participation of 58 prison officer recruits.

Barbados also reports that in January 2008, a drug sensitization workshop was carried out with the participation of 70 primary school principals. Similarly, a workshop entitled "Drug Treatment Options in Barbados" was conducted in February 2008 among 25 persons from various social service agencies and judicial personnel.

CICAD views with satisfaction the fulfillment of this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 9:****IMPLEMENT DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMMES TARGETING KEY POPULATIONS SUCH AS INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS OR IN THE WORK PLACE.**

Barbados informs that the Inmate Drug Rehabilitation and Counseling Programme (IDRC) is a core component of the National Council of Substance Abuse's (NCSA) mandate. The IDRC comprises psycho-education, treatment, individual psychotherapy and group therapy.

The IDRC programme is offered to incarcerated persons (males and females) and reaches approximately 100 persons per year.

However, Barbados did not implement drug abuse prevention programmes targeting individuals in the work place.

CICAD acknowledges the progress made by Barbados and encourages the country to comply with this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 10:****ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS OF CARE FOR DRUG TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION SERVICES, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE THIRD EVALUATION ROUND, 2003-2004.**

Barbados informs that the Ministry of Health is reviewing the minimum standards of care document prior to full implementation.

CICAD takes note of the information provided and urges the country to comply with this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the Third Evaluation Round, 2003-2004.

**RECOMMENDATION 11:****INCLUDE UNDER THE SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BARBADOS DRUG CONTROL SERVICE, ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS, REGISTRY OF LICENSEES AND TRANSPORT CONTROL, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE THIRD EVALUATION ROUND, 2003-2004.**

Barbados reports that the implementation of this recommendation has not started.

CICAD urges the country to comply with this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the Third Evaluation Round, 2003-2004.

**RECOMMENDATION 12:****INCLUDE SPECIAL LICENSES/PERMITS TO PRESCRIBE CERTAIN DRUGS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS IN BARBADOS' MECHANISM TO CONTROL AND REGULATE THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS BY HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE THIRD EVALUATION ROUND, 2003-2004.**

Barbados reports that the implementation of this recommendation has not started.



CICAD urges the country to comply with this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the Third Evaluation Round, 2003-2004.

### **RECOMMENDATION 13:**

#### **IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM TO RECORD SEIZURES AND DISPOSAL OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS.**

Barbados informs that there is a manual system to record seizures and disposal of pharmaceutical products. The next step for the Customs & Excise Department is to make the transition from a manual to an electronic format.

CICAD expresses its satisfaction with the fulfillment of this recommendation.

### **RECOMMENDATION 14:**

#### **CARRY OUT RESEARCH AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF ILLICIT TRAFFIC OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS AND OTHER DRUGS OVER THE INTERNET, WHICH WILL ENABLE THE COUNTRY TO IDENTIFY ITS REGULATORY AND OPERATIVE NEEDS.**

Barbados reports that the implementation of this recommendation has not started.

CICAD encourages the country to implement the recommendation.

### **RECOMMENDATION 15:**

#### **CREATE A NATIONAL DATABASE FOR THE EXPORTATION, IMPORTATION, AND TRANSIT OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES, AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS CONFISCATED IN CONNECTION WITH ARRESTS FOR ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING OFFENSES.**

Barbados reports that the implementation of this recommendation has not started.

CICAD encourages the country to implement the recommendation.

### **RECOMMENDATION 16:**

#### **CRIMINALIZE MONEY LAUNDERING AS AN AUTONOMOUS OFFENSE.**

Barbados informs that Section 3 and Section 20(1) of the Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (Prevention and Control) Act criminalize money laundering, which is considered an autonomous offense.

CICAD takes note of the information provided and considers this recommendation fulfilled.

**RECOMMENDATION 17:****INCLUDE REAL ESTATE AGENTS, NOTARIES, ATTORNEYS AND ACCOUNTANTS IN THE LIST OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS IN THE AREA OF MONEY LAUNDERING.**

Barbados informs that Section 2 of the Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (Prevention and Control) Act defines financial institutions as been required to report to the Anti-Money Laundering Authority. Deposit-taking institutions are defined as financial institutions under the Act. The country informs that real estate agents, notaries, attorneys and accountants are not specifically included.

CICAD encourages the country to implement the recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 18:****INCLUDE THE USE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES, SUCH AS UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATIONS, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE, USE OF INFORMANTS, CONTROLLED DELIVERIES AND SENTENCE REDUCTION FOR COOPERATING WITNESSES, IN THE INVESTIGATION OF MONEY LAUNDERING CASES, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE THIRD EVALUATION ROUND, 2003-2004.**

Barbados informs that within the scope of special investigation techniques, undercover investigations, use of informants, controlled deliveries (with the cooperation of countries) and sentence reduction are practices used in the pursuit of money laundering cases. Law enforcement in Barbados cannot engage in electronic surveillance due to an absence in the legislation.

CICAD urges the country to comply with this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the Third Evaluation Round, 2003-2004.

**CONCLUSIONS**

During the Fourth Evaluation Round, Barbados was assigned a total of 18 recommendations, of which four have been completed, eight are in progress, and six not started.

The country has implemented a help line to provide drug-related information to the general public, and has increased training in drug abuse prevention, treatment and research.

CICAD notes that the country has criminalized money laundering as an autonomous offense, and implemented a manual system to record seizure and disposal of pharmaceutical products, which will be converted into an electronic format.

CICAD acknowledges the progress made by Barbados in implementing drug abuse prevention programmes targeting incarcerated persons.

CICAD notes the lack of progress in establishing minimum standards of care for drug treatment and rehabilitation services. CICAD also notes that Barbados did not make progress in approving the National Anti-Drug Plan, ratifying the Inter-American Convention against Corruption, 1996, or ratifying the United Nations Convention against Corruption, 2003.

CICAD notes with concern that six recommendations have not been started, among them two recommendations reiterated from the First Evaluation Round, 1999-2000.



CICAD recognizes the participation of Barbados in the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) process and encourages the country to comply with the pending recommendations.