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Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism MEM



Grenada

2009 EVALUATION OF PROGRESS IN DRUG CONTROL



IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FOURTH EVALUATION ROUND





RECOMMENDATION 1:

ACCEDE TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION, 2003.

Grenada informs that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is reviewing the United Nations Convention against Corruption, 2003.

CICAD encourages the country to persevere in its actions to fulfill this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

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

Grenada informs that public awareness programmes are being conducted with pharmacists, health officials, pharmaceutical business operators, law enforcement officers, customs officials, other relevant stakeholders and the general public to inform and train them on matters pertaining to the prevention and control of illicit traffic of pharmaceutical products and other drugs via the Internet.

The country reports that at the Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Grenada Drug Information Network (GRENDIN), held in December 2008, a presentation was made by the Ministry of Legal Affairs, on the subject, "Legal Implications for the Prevention and Control of Illicit Traffic of Pharmaceutical Products and other Drugs via the Internet in Grenada". Twenty-five representatives from the Royal Grenada Police Force, Customs and Excise Department, Ministry of Health, the Pharmacy Unit, and other ministries or institutions involved in the implementation of the national drug control programme, participated in the meeting.

CICAD recognizes the actions taken by Grenada and encourages the country to fulfill this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 3:

DEVELOP A SYSTEMTO FACILITATE THE SECURE AND EFFICIENT HANDLING OF INFORMATION ON THE CONTROL OF THE DIVERSION OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES.

Grenada informs that the Draft Chemical Precursors Bill, which makes provisions for the development of a system to facilitate the secure and efficient handling of information on the control of the diversion of chemical substances, was submitted to Cabinet for appropriate action.

CICAD encourages the country to fully comply with this recommendation.



RECOMMENDATION 4:

ESTABLISH CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS FOR THE DIVERSION OF CONTROLLED CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES.

Grenada informs that the Draft Chemical Precursors Bill, which makes provisions for the establishment of civil and administrative sanctions for the diversion of controlled chemical substances, was submitted to Cabinet for appropriate action.

CICAD encourages the country to fully comply with this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 5:

ENACT THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION TO INCORPORATE THE USE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES TO COMBAT MONEY LAUNDERING, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE THIRD EVALUATION ROUND, 2003-2004.

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

The country informs that it faces constitutional obstacles to include the use of special investigative techniques to combat money laundering issues in its legislation.

CICAD notes with concern that no measures have been taken by Grenada to carry out this recommendation and urges the country to make initial efforts to comply with this reiterated recommendation, given that it was assigned in the Third Evaluation Round, 2003-2004.

RECOMMENDATION 6:

EXPAND THE LIST OF PREDICATE OFFENSES FOR MONEY LAUNDERING TO INCLUDE ALL CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES CONSIDERED SERIOUS CRIMES UNDER THE PALERMO CONVENTION (PUNISHABLE BY A MAXIMUM DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY OF AT LEAST FOUR YEARS OR A MORE SERIOUS PENALTY).

Grenada reports that the list of predicate offences contained in the Proceeds of Crime Act, 2003 is expansive and adequate. It includes "any indictable offences or offences triable both summarily or on indictment in Grenada from which a person had benefited".

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

CONCLUSIONS

During the Fourth Evaluation Round, six recommendations were assigned to Grenada by the MEM. The country has taken initial steps to implement four of them.

CICAD notes that the Proceeds of Crime Act, 2003 includes any indictable offences or offences triable both summarily or on indictment in Grenada from which a person had benefited.

The ratification of the United Nations Convention against Corruption is in process.



Regarding the control of sales of drugs via the Internet, Grenada has carried out relevant training sessions for officials involved in the control of pharmaceutical products.

CICAD notes the existence of a Draft Chemical Precursors Bill that will permit the secure and efficient handling of information on the control of the diversion of chemical substances and which makes provisions for the establishment of sanctions for diversion of such substances.

However, Grenada did not commence the implementation of the recommendation regarding the enactment of legislation for the use of special investigative techniques to combat money laundering.

CICAD recognizes Grenada's participation in the MEM process and encourages the country to continue with its efforts to fully implement all the recommendations.