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Dominica

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2005 PROGRESS REPORT IN DRUG CONTROL



IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE THIRD EVALUATION ROUND





RECOMMENDATION 1:

INCLUDE THE AREAS OF SUPPLY REDUCTION AND CONTROL MEASURES IN THE NEXT NATIONAL ANTIDRUG PLAN

PUBLICATION DATE: JUNE 2005

Dominica indicates that it has not begun to implement this recommendation.

CICAD encourages the country to take the necessary actions to implement this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

REACTIVATE THE NATIONAL DRUG ADVISORY COUNCIL, WHICH WAS SUSPENDED SINCE 2000

PUBLICATION DATE: JUNE 2005

Dominica indicates that it has not begun to implement this recommendation.

CICAD encourages the country to take the necessary actions to implement this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 3:

RATIFY THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (2000), REITERATED RECOMMENDATION FROM THE SECOND EVALUATION ROUND, 2001–2002 AND ITS PROTOCOLS:

- 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

PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 2003 REITERATION DATE: JUNE 2005

Dominica reports that it has not started to implement this recommendation.

CICAD is concerned with the lack of progress in the fulfillment of this recommendation and urges Dominica to complete this recommendation, taking into account that it is a reiterated recommendation from the Second Evaluation Round, 2001–2002.

RECOMMENDATION 4:

IMPLEMENT A NATIONAL DRUG OBSERVATORY

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Dominica reports that it has not started to implement this recommendation.

CICAD encourages the country to take the necessary actions to implement this recommendation.



RECOMMENDATION 5:

DEVELOP AND EXECUTE DRUG-USE PREVENTION PROGRAMS TARGETING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, WOMEN AND PRISON INMATES

PUBLICATION DATE: JUNE 2005

Dominica reports that it has not started to implement this recommendation.

CICAD encourages the country to take the necessary actions to implement this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 6:

BROADEN THE TRAINING OF PROFESSIONALS IN THE DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AREA

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The training of professionals in the drug abuse prevention area has been broadened by Dominica through the Caribbean Institute on Alcoholism and other Drug Problems (CARIAD). Five officers from Dominica were trained at CARIAD in the field of alcoholism and its related problems.

CICAD views with satisfaction the fulfillment of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 7:

ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS OF CARE FOR DRUG ABUSE CASES

PUBLICATION DATE: JUNE 2005

Dominica has not provided sufficient information in response to this recommendation that will allow for an adequate evaluation.

CICAD encourages the country to fullfill this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 8:

DEVELOP A STUDY ON DRUG ABUSE PREVALENCE IN THE GENERAL POPULATION, A REITERATED RECOMMENDATION FROM THE SECOND EVALUATION ROUND, 2001–2002

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Dominica reports that it has not started to implement this recommendation.

CICAD has reexamined the relevance of this recommendation and considers that currently, this type of study among the general population, does not constitute a priority in Dominica's drug policy. Therefore, CICAD encourages the country to strengthen the strategies of its national antidrug plan by undertaking studies on specific group populations.



RECOMMENDATION 9:

ESTABLISH A REGISTRY OF THE ERADICATED ILLICIT CANNABIS PLANTATIONS

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Dominica reports that the country has a non-computerized registry of the number of eradicated illicit cannabis plants.

CICAD views with satisfaction fulfillment of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 10:

DEVELOP A SYSTEMATIC FOLLOW-UP OF THE ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

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Dominica reports that it does not have any specific alternative development program aimed at replacing the production of illicit crops.

CICAD takes note of the information submitted by the country in response to this recommendation and accepts the justification provided.

RECOMMENDATION 11:

ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FOR ASPECTS OF MONITORING, REGULATING, AND PREVENTING THE DIVERSION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTIONS OF 1961, 1971 AND 1988, A REITERATED RECOMMENDATION FROM THE SECOND EVALUATION ROUND, 2001–2002

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Dominica indicates that no further progress has been made since the first reading of the Pharmacy Bill on the Control of Pharmaceutical Products in the House of Assembly in November 2003. The country anticipates that the Bill will be enacted in 2007.

CICAD views with concern the lack of progress made given that the recommendation was assigned during the Second Evaluation Round, 2001–2002, and urges the country to fulfill this recommendation within the anticipated time frame.



RECOMMENDATION 12:

ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FOR ALL ASPECTS OF CONTROL, REGULATING AND PREVENTING THE DIVERSION OF CONTROLLED CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTIONS OF 1961, 1971 AND 1988, A REITERATED RECOMMENDATION FROM THE SECOND EVALUATION ROUND, 2001–2002

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Dominica indicates that no further progress has been made since the first reading of the Precursor Chemicals Bill in the House of Assembly in November 2003. The country anticipates that the Bill will be enacted in 2007.

CICAD views with concern the lack of progress made given that the recommendation was assigned during the Second Evaluation Round, 2001–2002, and urges the country to fulfill this recommendation within the anticipated time frame.

RECOMMENDATION 13:

ESTABLISH LEGAL PROVISIONS AND MECHANISMS TO PREVENT AND CONTROL THE DIVERSION OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES, AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1997 INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST THE ILLICIT MANUFACTURING OF AND TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS (CIFTA)

PUBLICATION DATE: JUNE 2005

Dominica has not provided sufficient information to conduct an adequate evaluation.

CICAD encourages the country to fullfill this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 14:

INCLUDE IN ITS LEGISLATION, THE USE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION ACTIONS FOR CONTROLLING MONEY LAUNDERING AND AS PREDICATE OFFENCES FOR MONEY LAUNDERING, THE TRAFFICKING OF HUMAN BEINGS, TRAFFICKING OF ORGANS, PROSTITUTION, AND KIDNAPPING

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Dominica has not started the implementation of this recommendation. However, the country indicates that it currently undertakes special investigative actions including control delivery, wire tapping, undercover operations, and other related actions.

CICAD encourages Dominica to complete this recommendation.



CONCLUSIONS

During the Third Evaluation Round, 2003–2004, Dominica was assigned a total of 14 recommendations. Out of these recommendations, the country has fully implemented or adequately addressed three recommendations, made progress on two, and has not yet started the implementation of seven. The country did not provide sufficient information on which to make an adequate evaluation on two of the recommendations.

CICAD observes that Dominica has fulfilled the recommendations to broaden its training of professionals in the area of drug abuse prevention and has established a registry of the eradicated illicit cannabis plantations. However, it views with concern that no progress has been made on a number of recommendations, in particular, regarding the ratification of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (2000), which is a reiterated recommendation from the Second Evaluation Round, 2001–2002 and its three Protocols.

Similarly, CICAD views with concern the lack of progress made since the Second Evaluation Round in the enactment of legislation to provide for aspects of monitoring, regulating and preventing the diversion of pharmaceutical products and controlled chemical substances in accordance with the United Nations conventions of 1961, 1971, and 1988.

CICAD recognizes the continued participation of Dominica in the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) process.