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Saint Lucia

**2005 PROGRESS REPORT IN DRUG CONTROL
IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM THE THIRD EVALUATION ROUND**



**RECOMMENDATION 1:****DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A NEW NATIONAL ANTI-DRUG PLAN**

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Saint Lucia reports that it continues to take steps towards the development of an anti-drug plan and expects the plan to be implemented in the second half of 2006. Although the plan has not yet been drafted, St. Lucia informs that the Government has written a new "Cabinet Conclusion" defining the role and operations of the Substance Abuse Secretariat. In addition, a Bill addressing the establishment of a Substance Abuse Council has been drafted and is currently under review by the Attorney General's Office and the Ministry of Health. Saint Lucia reports that it anticipates this bill to be presented to the Cabinet of Ministers in 2006. Once this occurs, according to St. Lucia, the new national anti-drug plan will be written.

CICAD expresses its concern that Saint Lucia continues to operate without a national drug plan and encourages the country to fulfill this recommendation as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATION 2:**RATIFY THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND, 1999–2000**

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Saint Lucia reports that it has neither signed nor ratified the Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters.

CICAD expresses its concern over Saint Lucia's lack of progress regarding this recommendation and urges the country to take the necessary steps to fully implement it, taking into account that it is reiterated from the First Evaluation Round, 1999–2000.

RECOMMENDATION 3:**RATIFY THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME AND ITS THREE PROTOCOLS, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE SECOND EVALUATION ROUND, 2001–2002:**

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

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Saint Lucia reports that it has neither signed nor ratified the Convention and its three Protocols.



CICAD notes with concern that no progress has been made with respect to this recommendation, and urges the country to take the necessary steps to fully implement it, taking into account that it is reiterated from the Second Evaluation Round, 2001–2002.

RECOMMENDATION 4:

DEVELOP A NATIONAL DRUG OBSERVATORY TO COLLECT, ANALYZE, AND MAINTAIN ILLEGAL DRUG CONTROL INFORMATION, INCLUDING STATISTICS ON THE MAGNITUDE OF DRUG CONSUMPTION IN THE COUNTRY, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND, 1999–2000

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Saint Lucia reports that it has worked towards improving its data collection, with the goal of developing a national drug observatory. The country informs that it has identified certain key populations (secondary school students, workforce, inmates) from whom the country has collected drug-related data. Saint Lucia intends to use this data to facilitate the development of future strategies and programs. In addition, Saint Lucia reports that it has created a new position of Research Officer within the Substance Abuse Secretariat in order to increase the collection of data.

CICAD notes the steps taken by Saint Lucia to fulfill this recommendation. However, CICAD urges the country to persist in its efforts to improve its data collection with the goal of developing a national drug observatory, taking into consideration that this recommendation is reiterated from the First Evaluation Round, 1999–2000.

RECOMMENDATION 5:

DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PREVENTION PROGRAMS TO COVER ALL KEY POPULATIONS

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Saint Lucia reports that it has taken steps to implement this recommendation by developing and implementing a program targeted at officers and inmates of the adult correctional facility, the wards of the male juvenile correctional facility, secondary school students, and the workplace population in both the private and public sectors. The country also informs that it has appointed a Director of Rehabilitation at the adult correctional facility, and additional staff have been appointed at the Substance Abuse Secretariat.

CICAD recognizes Saint Lucia's progress on this recommendation and encourages the country to take the necessary actions to fully implement it.

**RECOMMENDATION 6:****ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS OF CARE FOR PERSONS SEEKING TREATMENT FOR DRUG ABUSE**

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Saint Lucia reports that it is implementing a health sector reform program, which includes the establishment of new physical and mental health facilities and services. The services provided by the country's sole treatment facility have come under review and the Government has recognized that establishing minimum standards of care is an important area to be addressed during this review.

CICAD notes the progress made by Saint Lucia on this recommendation and encourages the country to take the necessary steps to fully implement it as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATION 7:**PROVIDE TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONALS WORKING IN THE AREA OF DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT**

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Saint Lucia reports that it has only one treatment facility in the country. Each year, at least one staff member at this facility receives training at the Caribbean Institute on Alcoholism and other Drug Problems (CARIAD) in Tobago and one other staff member has received training specifically designed to assist with the development of aftercare programmes for persons who have undergone treatment. Nonetheless, Saint Lucia acknowledges that this training is neither in-depth nor continuous. According to the country, the training does not satisfy the center's needs.

CICAD notes that some progress has been made on this recommendation and encourages Saint Lucia to provide additional training for staff members working at its treatment facility.

RECOMMENDATION 8:**CREATE A DRUG INSPECTORATE TO MONITOR AND REGULATE THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS AND CONTROLLED CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES**

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Saint Lucia reports that the proposed Drug Inspectorate initiative did not receive funding from the country's Ministry of Finance. The agency responsible for regulating chemical substances, the Pesticide Board of the Ministry of Agriculture, has obtained model regulations for guidance, but no concrete steps have been taken to draft or implement regulations on these matters.

CICAD notes that Saint Lucia has not made progress on the implementation of this recommendation, and encourages the country to take appropriate steps to implement it.

**RECOMMENDATION 9:****ESTABLISH REGULATIONS ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR THE CONTROL OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES, A RECOMMENDATION REITERATED FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND, 1999–2000**

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Saint Lucia reports that it has obtained model regulations on controlling chemical substances and has had internal discussions regarding establishment of similar regulations in the country. No concrete steps have been taken, however, to establish chemical control regulations.

CICAD expresses its concern that no progress has been made on this recommendation and urges Saint Lucia to take the necessary steps to implement it, taking into account that it has been reiterated from the First Evaluation Round, 1999–2000.

RECOMMENDATION 10:**EXPAND THE LIST OF INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS TO PREVENT MONEY LAUNDERING, TO INCLUDE LAWYERS, NOTARIES AND ACCOUNTANTS**

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Saint Lucia reports that The Money Laundering (Prevention, Amendment of Schedule) Order # 59, dated August 3, 2004, includes lawyers, notaries, and accountants as being subject to administrative controls.

CICAD views with satisfaction the completion of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 11:**ENACT LAWS AUTHORIZING SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES IN MONEY LAUNDERING CASES**

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Saint Lucia reports that the Interception of Communications Act has been enacted into law. This law gives the Director of the Financial Intelligence Authority and several other key individuals the power to intercept communications (e.g. telephone conversations) in cases of suspected money laundering and drug trafficking.

CICAD recognizes the progress made and encourages Saint Lucia to fully implement this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 12:****PROVIDE APPROPRIATE TRAINING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR INVESTIGATING AND PROCESSING MONEY LAUNDERING CASES**

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Saint Lucia reports that training has been provided in money laundering investigation for all financial investigators within the Financial Intelligence Authority. These officers currently provide training for police officers on the same topic. According to Saint Lucia, similar training has also been provided for magistrates and persons from the Crown Prosecution Service.

Saint Lucia also informs that it held a money laundering training workshop for judges in 2004. Saint Lucia anticipates providing similar training workshops on a regular basis to ensure that all personnel involved in this area have a basic level of competency and are kept abreast of new developments as they occur.

CICAD views with satisfaction the completion of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 13:**ENACT LEGISLATION CRIMINALIZING TRANSNATIONAL BRIBERY BY A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL AND IMPROPER USE BY A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

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

CICAD encourages the country to fulfill this recommendation.

CONCLUSIONS

During the Third Evaluation Round, 2003–2004, Saint Lucia was assigned a total of 13 recommendations, out of which two have been completed or adequately addressed, six are in progress, and five have not been started.

Many of the recommendations to Saint Lucia which have not been completed cover basic requirements for an effective national counter-drug program, such as the ratification of basic international treaties, the implementation of a national anti-drug plan, and the adoption of basic criminal legislation.

Although the country states that lack of resources hinder Saint Lucia's efforts to provide drug treatment programs, CICAD emphasizes the importance of providing such services.



In the law enforcement area, CICAD urges the country to adopt appropriate laws to regulate controlled chemicals and pharmaceuticals. Another top priority for the country is to fund the proposed Drug Inspectorate, which could function as an important agency for controlling chemicals and pharmaceuticals.

CICAD recognizes Saint Lucia's participation in the MEM process and its efforts to take steps towards improving compliance with the recommendations it has received, and encourages the country to implement the pending recommendations.