RECOMMENDATION 1:

REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999 – 2000 TO ACCEDE TO THE 1971 UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES


CICAD views with satisfaction the fulfillment of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999 – 2000 TO RATIFY THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST THE ILLEGAL MANUFACTURING OF AND TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS (CIFTA)

Saint Lucia reports that on January 23, 2003 it ratified the Inter-American Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and Other Related Materials (CIFTA).

CICAD views with satisfaction the fulfillment of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 3:

REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999 – 2000 TO SIGN AND RATIFY THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION

Saint Lucia reports that on January 23, 2003 it acceded to the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption.

CICAD views with satisfaction the fulfillment of this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 4:

REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999 – 2000 TO SIGN AND RATIFY THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

Saint Lucia reports that it has neither signed nor ratified the Convention.

CICAD urges Saint Lucia to adopt the necessary actions to fully implement this recommendation, if possible by the end of 2004, taking into account that it is reiterated from the First Evaluation Round 1999 - 2000.
RECOMMENDATION 5:

RATIFY THE UN CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME AND ITS THREE PROTOCOLS

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Saint Lucia reports that it has signed but not ratified the UN Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime and its three Protocols. The country anticipates that the ratification of the Convention and its three Protocols would take place in early 2004.

CICAD notes that no progress has been made on this recommendation.

CICAD urges Saint Lucia to fulfill this recommendation by the date indicated.

RECOMMENDATION 6:

REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999 – 2000 TO DEVELOP AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM FOR THE COLLECTION, ANALYSIS AND MAINTENANCE OF STATISTICS AND DOCUMENTS AS AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR NATIONAL EFFORTS AGAINST THE DRUG PHENOMENON IN ALL ITS ASPECTS

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Saint Lucia reports that it has conducted a number of workshops with concerned officials on the need to create an integrated drug information network. The country reports that a basic drug information network has been established, although it is not fully operational. The country further informs that it was anticipated that a formal structure for the aforementioned system would be in place by May 2004.

CICAD recognizes the progress made and urges Saint Lucia to fully implement this recommendation by the indicated date, taking into account that it is reiterated from the First Evaluation Round 1999 - 2000.

RECOMMENDATION 7:

REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999 – 2000 TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE MAGNITUDE OF DRUG CONSUMPTION, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ITS PREVALENCE AMONG HIGH-RISK GROUPS AND ANNUAL INCIDENCE OF NEW DRUG USERS

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Saint Lucia reports that it has contracted a research consultant through the European Development Fund (EDF) to undertake a research study with terms of reference which would provide the requested information for this recommendation. It was anticipated that the relevant information would be forthcoming by the end of the first quarter of 2004 upon completion of the research.

The country further reports that it has sought and obtained technical, financial and training assistance from the European Union through the EDF St. Lucia Demand Reduction Program.

CICAD encourages Saint Lucia to persist in its efforts in order to fully implement this recommendation if possible, by the end of 2004, taking into account that it is reiterated from the First Evaluation Round 1999 - 2000.
RECOMMENDATION 8:
REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999 – 2000 TO EXPAND “DRUGS IN THE WORKPLACE” PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE THE PUBLIC SECTOR

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Saint Lucia reports that it has developed a proposal to implement a “Drugs in the Workplace” project but reiterates its continuing need for assistance, in particular in the area of capacity building, to implement it.

CICAD notes that little progress has been made on this recommendation and urges Saint Lucia to make further efforts to implement it on a priority basis, taking into account that it is reiterated from the First Evaluation Round 1999 - 2000.

RECOMMENDATION 9:
REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999 – 2000 TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND CICAD MODEL REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES

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Saint Lucia reports that a chemical substance control board is in existence comprised of personnel from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, and Customs Department, which is guided by the International Conventions. However, no information was offered as regards the existence of Regulations in accordance with international conventions and CICAD Model Regulations for the control of chemical substances.

CICAD is unable to assess the progress made on this recommendation based on the information provided.

CICAD urges Saint Lucia to implement this recommendation if possible, by the end of 2004, considering it is reiterated from the First Evaluation Round 1999 - 2000.

RECOMMENDATION 10:
UPDATE THE 1957 FIREARMS LEGISLATION TO REFLECT CURRENT INTERNATIONAL MINIMUM STANDARDS, INCLUDING THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST ILLICIT MANUFACTURING OF AND TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS (CIFTA), AS WELL AS THE PROTOCOL AGAINST THE ILLICIT MANUFACTURING AND TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS, THEIR PARTS AND COMPONENTS AND AMMUNITION OF THE UN CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

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Saint Lucia reports that it has fulfilled this recommendation through the Firearms Act Order # 9 of 2003. This act entered into force on January 22, 2003.

CICAD views with satisfaction the fulfillment of this recommendation.
RECOMMENDATION 11:

REITERATE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRST EVALUATION ROUND 1999 – 2000 TO ESTABLISH A MECHANISM OR BODY SPECIFICALLY CHARGED WITH HANDLING AND ADMINISTERING ASSETS SEIZED AND CONFISCATED FROM ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING

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Saint Lucia reports that its legislation in reference to seizure of assets is currently under review.

CICAD urges Saint Lucia to complete this recommendation if possible, by the end of 2004, taking into account that this is a reiterated recommendation from the First Evaluation Round 1999 - 2000.

CONCLUSIONS

Saint Lucia has completed four out of eleven recommendations which it was assigned in the Second Evaluation Round, and has made substantial progress in fulfilling one other recommendation.

However, little progress was achieved as regards the remaining recommendations, several of which originated from the First Evaluation Round, and were reiterated in the Second.

CICAD especially recognizes Saint Lucia’s ratification of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption and Firearms. At the same time, the country needs to take appropriate action on two other major international conventions: The Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, and the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. Moreover, Saint Lucia still has considerable work to do in terms of creating a National data collection system, conducting a national drug abuse survey and development of a “Drugs in the Workplace” program.

CICAD recognizes the efforts made by Saint Lucia in the context of the MEM process, but encourages the country to take the necessary steps to fulfill all the recommendations made in the shortest possible timeframe.