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GRENADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SIGN MOU

Grenada will receive two interceptors from the United States of America, to boost its drug interdiction capabilities. This was part of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by Grenada's Prime Minister Tillman Thomas and US Charge' d' Affaires, Bernard Link, that provides the Government of Grenada with a Maritime Support Package consisting of two ten-meter interceptor vessels, including spare parts; a vehicle, information systems, and command control and communication equipment.



Grenada's Prime Minister Tillman Thomas and US Charge' d' Affaires, Bernard Link signs Memorandum of Agreement, 7 March 2011

Prime Minister Thomas expressed his appreciation to the Government of the United States for the assistance, noting that the region, already struggling with the effects of a global recession, now has to strengthen the financing of its security, amidst the withdrawal of British support ships and personnel. He noted, "We appreciate the assistance of the United States and we are seeking ways of deepening the relationship with your country, given our shared values and our commitment to the democratic process," the Prime Minister told Mr. Link. The Prime Minister said Grenada and the region were being used as trans-shipment points for illegal drugs and other forms

of illegal activity between the producers of drugs in South America and the consumers in the North. The MOU was signed in St. George's, on 7 March 2011.

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OUR MISSION

The Drug Control Secretariat would endeavour to create an atmosphere of non-tolerance towards drugs, through the implementation of appropriate programmes, which would promote the well-being of all persons in the State of Grenada.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Dave Alexander, Drug Control Officer

The formulation of a new National Anti-Drug Strategy by the Government of Grenada will be yet another significant initiative in the anti-drug efforts in Grenada. This would be the Fourth National Anti-Drug Strategy since 1989, when the first Strategy was developed.

An analysis of the Third National Anti-Drug Master Plan 2004 to 2008, reveal that approximately ninety-eight (98) percent of the programs listed in the Strategy were implemented. This rate of implementation can be characterized as successful, notwithstanding the challenges encountered in implementation, especially during 2004 and 2005, in the aftermath of Hurricanes Ivan and Emily respectively.

The National Anti-Drug Strategy 2012 to 2017 will address ongoing and emerging issues in drug control, such as amendments to drug-related legislation, control mechanisms for precursor chemicals, emergence of new drugs (ecstasy and methamphetamine), and sale of drugs via the internet. The issue of program evaluation will also be addressed, as the Government seeks to increase its efforts in overall monitoring and evaluation of national programs. Key to the success of the National Anti-Drug Strategy will be technical and financial resources. The availability of these resources are necessary for success.

NATIONAL ANTI-DRUG STRATEGY COMING

Formulation of a National Anti-Drug Strategy is currently in progress in Grenada. The new strategy, which would replace the previous strategy which expired in 2008, would consist of five pillars, to combat the drug problem. The pillars of the draft National Anti-Drug Strategy are: Institutional Strengthening; Demand Reduction; Supply Reduction; Control Measures, and Evaluation. Several Ministries and non-Governmental organizations are involved in the process of preparing the new strategy.

Meanwhile, three Officials from Grenada participated in the, **‘II Regional Workshop for the Development of the National Anti-drug Strategies and Plans’**, held in Trinidad and Tobago, 5 to 7 April 2011. The major objective of the Workshop was to work on the drafts of the Strategies and Plans of five Caribbean Countries, namely Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, St. Kitts and Nevis, Grenada and Guyana. The workshop was conducted by the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD).

The National Anti-Drug Strategy is the document that summarizes national policies, defines priorities, assigns responsibilities to the institutions that plan, coordinate and develop the integral prevention of the illicit use and traffic of drugs, as well as related offenses.

PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

As part of its public awareness programmes during the summer, the Drug Control Secretariat has embarked on a series of programmes, targeting students and other young persons. Topics addressed in the presentations at some primary schools included: **‘Drugs and Young People’**; **‘Drugs and its Effects on the Human Body’**; **‘Academic Achievement and Drugs’**. A panel discussion on, **‘Problems Facing the Family’** was another activity in which the Secretariat participated.

Meanwhile, the Drug Control Secretariat would conduct a series of drug prevention programmes, under the Youth Rehabilitation Programme, during the month of July, which would be spearheaded by the Ministry of Youth Empowerment. The Youth Rehabilitation Programme targets young males who have encountered legal issues, and other social problems.



Mrs. Elizabeth Japal, Officer Spearheading the Summer Programmes

**DRUG STATS FOR 2010
AVAILABLE**

Statistics on the nature and extent of the drug situation in Grenada for the year 2010 are now available. The statistics present information on various aspects of the drug phenomenon such as arrests, seizures, chemical and pharmaceutical controls, firearms, financial crimes, admissions to drug treatment facilities and incarceration.

Meanwhile, several documents on the nature and extent of the drug situation in Grenada for the period 1988 to 2010 are also available. These documents include research studies, powerpoint presentations, statistical analysis and fact sheets. They are available at the webpage: www.gov.gd/ncodc.html. Students, researchers, teachers, social workers, medical practitioners etc are encouraged to visit the webpage and make use of the information.

The statistics were compiled by the Drug Control Secretariat, under the Grenada Drug Information Network (GRENDIN). GRENDIN is the mechanism through which Grenada collects, analyzes, and disseminates information on drugs, and related information, for the purpose of monitoring trends, developing policy, and implementing appropriate programmes and responses. Mrs. Elizabeth Japal, Assistant Drug Control Officer, is responsible for GRENDIN.

GRENDIN was established in 2002.

**REGIONAL TRAINING AND
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
CONVENED**

Grenada was one of several Caribbean countries which attended the regional meeting, 'Caribbean Prevention and Treatment Training and Certification Program', held 24 to 26 May 2011, in Barbados.

The Program is an interagency and interdisciplinary program in the Caribbean for the development and institutionalization of training and certification mechanisms for drug prevention and treatment personnel. The main objective of the program is to improve the quality of services in drug prevention and treatment efforts and facilities in the Caribbean through training, technical assistance and the application of technology, and to establish a certification process for drug abuse prevention and treatment personnel in coordination with regional and national authorities.

The workshop was convened by the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) in partnership with the Barbados National Council on Substance Abuse (NCSA).



*Honourable Adriel Brathwaite,
Attorney General, Barbados, Addresses
the Meeting, 24 May 2011*



*Ambassador Adam Blackwell,
Secretariat for
Multidimensional Security, OAS
Addresses the Meeting*



*Mr. Pernell Clarke, Specialist,
Inter-American Drug Abuse
Control Commission,
makes presentation at the Meeting*

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IN THE NEWS

Representatives from eight universities in the Caribbean, Government Officials and other international organizations, met in Jamaica, to formulate strategies to prepare university graduates to deal with social, economic and criminal consequences of the drug problem in the Caribbean, particularly in the area of drug demand. The Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), and the Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM), convened the meeting, 2 to 4 March, 2011. The St. George's University (SGU), in Grenada was represented at the meeting. One of its representatives was Dr. Beverly Bonaparte, Dean of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences.



Dr. Beverly Bonaparte, Dean of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences

In accordance with the mandate received at the 48th regular session of CICAD, a contact group meeting was convened in Wessington D.C., which was held 14 to 15 April 2011. The Contact Group examined specific elements of the

process to be addressed in order to improve the Multilateral Evaluation. It worked on the basis of the Principles, Characteristics and Objectives of the MEM, as approved by CICAD at its 26th regular session in Uruguay, October 1999. This group highlights the validity of the MEM principles, particularly its multilateral and inter-governmental nature. In addition, it reinforced that the Hemispheric Drug Strategy 2010 and its Plan of Action will provide the conceptual framework and guidelines for the review and modification of the MEM.

Mr. Dave Alexander, Grenada's Expert to the MEM attended the meeting.



Mr. Dave Alexander, member of the Contact Group

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Electronic copies of various legislation on drug control, money laundering and related issues are now available at the Drug Control Secretariat. These legislation include:

- Drug Abuse (Prevention and Control) Act, 1992
- Money Laundering (Prevention) Act, 1998
- Drug Abuse (Prevention and Control) (Amendment) Act, 2002
- Exchange of Information Act, 2003
- Proceeds of Crime Act, 2003
- Financial Intelligence Unit Act, 2003
- Terrorism Act, 2005

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