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GRENADA MAKES PROGRESS IN DRUG CONTROL

Grenada has been commended by the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), for its participation in the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM), and its ongoing efforts to update the various mechanisms for drug control. These sentiments were expressed in the document, **“Grenada, Evaluation of Progress in Drug Control, 2005-2006”**, which was published by CICAD in February 2008.

The following is the text of the **“Conclusions”**, contained in the said report.

“Grenada has a strategy and national authority in the drug area, with a corresponding budget for its operation. It also has mechanisms to collect and distribute relevant information, and has made an effort to conduct drug-related studies and compile statistics.

The country has made good progress in terms of ratifying international conventions. However, CICAD notes that Grenada still has not acceded to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, 2003.

The country carries out prevention programs that target key populations and has

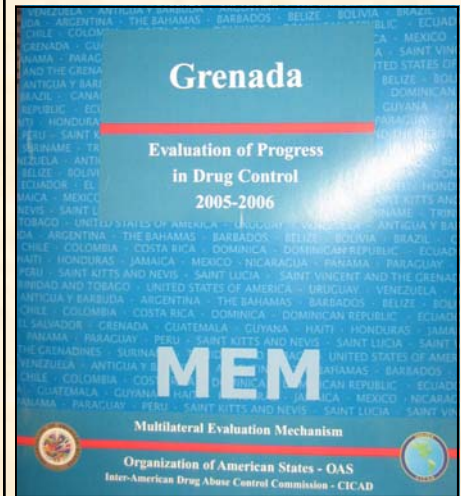
evaluated their results. It has also applied guidelines and standards of care in its treatment centers, and uses instruments to measure the programs’ effectiveness.

Grenada has conducted studies at the secondary school level to estimate the magnitude of drug consumption and identify trends in drug use and abuse.

Regarding supply reduction, CICAD notes that the country has an informal system to detect and quantify the total area of illicit crops, and a formal program for forced manual eradication. However, CICAD observes that the country does not have regulations or specific mechanisms in place to prevent and control the illicit traffic of pharmaceutical products and other drugs via the Internet.

CICAD also notes that there is no automated information management system in place to

facilitate the secure and efficient handling of information on the control of the diversion of chemical substances.



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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.

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**FROM
THE
EDITOR'S
DESK**



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The Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM), which evaluates the progress in drug control in member states of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), is currently in its fourth round of evaluation.

One of the objectives of the MEM is directly to strengthen mutual confidence, dialogue and hemispheric cooperation in order to deal with the drug problem with greater efficacy. Grenada's participation in this process has significantly increased and strengthened its capacity to deal with its drug problem. Areas of the national drug control programme which have benefited include: institutional strengthening, demand reduction, international treaties/conventions, supply reduction.

The MEM has also served as an invaluable tool to indicate areas in the national drug control programme which need to be improved, identified gaps in the programme and provided recommendations to satisfy these needs. In addition, through the MEM, Grenada has received technical and financial assistance from CICAD in various areas of drug control.

Since the commencement of the MEM in 1999, Grenada has successfully participated, and benefited from the four rounds of evaluation.

**CONVENTIONS RATIFIED
BY GRENADA**

In its report, *Grenada, Evaluation of Progress in Drug Control, 2005-2006*, CICAD noted that Grenada has ratified several international conventions aimed at drug control. These conventions include:

- ◆ The Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, 1992.
- ◆ The Inter-American Convention against Corruption, 1996.
- ◆ The Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and other Related Materials, 1997.
- ◆ The United Nations Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol.
- ◆ The United Nations Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971.
- ◆ The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982.
- ◆ The United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1988.
- ◆ The United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, 2000 and its three Protocols.

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The country also has statistical data on the various aspects of control of illicit drug trafficking and adequate training for personnel engaged in law enforcement and judicial proceedings.

The country has laws and regulations to govern the import, export, and transit of firearms, ammunition, explosives, and other related materials, and information on the various aspects of the existing control system.

Although Grenada has made progress in implementing mechanisms to prevent and control money laundering, it has not yet adapted its legislation to incorporate special investigative techniques to facilitate that control, and to expand the list of predicate offenses to include human trafficking, trafficking in human organs, prostitution, pornography, and illicit trafficking in migrants.

CICAD recognizes Grenada's continued participation in the MEM process, and its ongoing efforts to update the various mechanisms for drug control."

GRENADA RECOGNIZED FOR ITS MECHANISM TO CONTROL FIREARMS

Grenada has been recognized for its mechanism to control firearms, ammunition, explosives and other related materials by CICAD. In its report, *Grenada, Evaluation of Progress in Drug Control, 2005-2006*, CICAD noted the following:

“The Office of the Police Commissioner and the Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF), together with the Customs and Excise Department, are responsible for the control activities related to firearms, ammunition, explosives and other related materials. The Firearms Act and the Explosives Act criminalize the illicit trafficking and manufacture of firearms, ammunition, explosives and other related materials.”

The report further stated, *“The Firearms Act of 1968 establishes administrative controls over the importation, exportation and in-transit movement of firearms and ammunition. No application of sanctions was reported for the years 2004-2006. The Explosives Act of 1956 establishes administrative controls over the importation, exportation and in-transit movement of explosives and other related materials. No application of sanctions was reported for the years 2004-2006.”*

CICAD concluded that Grenada has in place laws and regulations governing the import, export and transit of firearms, ammunition, explosives, and other related materials.

THE NEWSLETTER IS NOW THIRTEEN YEARS OLD!

In March 1995, the Drug Control Secretariat launched a publication, entitled, “The Newsletter”. This publication was designed to educate the general public about the dangers of drugs; to promote positive lifestyles as alternatives to drug use and to promote the work of the Government of Grenada in the area of drug control.

Since its first publication in 1995, fifty-two (52) editions of The Newsletter were published. Four editions are produced annually.

The most difficult edition to produce was the edition of September 2004, when Grenada was ravaged by Hurricane Ivan. Despite the challenges, the Drug Control Secretariat was able to complete the production on the due date, 30 September 2004.

Special thanks is extended to all Ministries/Departments, Non-Governmental Organizations, and all persons which have provided materials for publication in The Newsletter. We also wish to thank the general public who have read our several editions, and for the comments and suggestions for improvement of the quality of The Newsletter.

The Newsletter has now become a major source of information about Grenada’s national drug control programme.

STATISTICS ON ARRESTS AND CONVICTIONS FOR FIREARMS

During 2004-2006, 68 persons were arrested and charged by the Royal Grenada Police Force with illicit possession of firearms and ammunition: 13 in 2004, 27 in 2005 and 28 in 2006. There were no arrests in relation to trafficking in firearms, ammunition, explosives or other related materials, nor for illicit possession of explosives or other related materials.

In addition, 11 persons were convicted for illicit possession of firearms: 2 in 2004, 2 in 2005 and 7 in 2006.

Nine persons were convicted for illicit possession of ammunition during the same period: 2 in 2004, 2 in 2005 and 5 in 2006.



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IN THE NEWS

The Drug Control Secretariat extends congratulations to the members of the Royal Grenada Police Force, who were recently promoted within the Force. These include several Officers who

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The Regional Technical Advisory Body (TAB) on Drugs, reviewed implementation of the Regional Drug Demand Reduction Strategy, at its meeting held February 2008 in Trinidad and Tobago. TAB was established by CARICOM in 2005, and is comprised of six experts in the field of drug demand reduction. Mr. Dave Alexander, is a member of TAB.

In a major anti-drug seizure in January 2008, the Royal Grenada Police Force seized 2,057 cannabis trees, and 2.2 kg of marijuana. In addition, 2 kg of marijuana seeds were seized.

The implementation of the drug prevention programme was strengthened with the distribution of audio-visual materials, training manuals and posters throughout



Carriacou on 14 January 2008. The educational materials, which were produced by the Drug Control Secretariat focused on various aspects of drug prevention, including lessons to be taught to preschool and kindergarten students. Copies of the documents were also presented to Ministry of Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs.

One of the new initiatives being undertaken by the Drug Control Secretariat in collaboration with the national HIV/AIDS Directorate is public education and training of Officials on the linkages between drug use and HIV/AIDS. Two training workshops on this subject were conducted in January and February 2008, for over fifteen Officials. Mr. Arthur Pierre, and Mr. Dave Alexander, Officers at the Drug Control Secretariat presented papers on the subject, "Recreational Drug Use and HIV/AIDS".



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Mr. Arthur Pierre, Officer, Drug Control Secretariat, participated in the, "Regional Training of Trainers Workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation in the Area of Drug Demand Reduction", held, 26-28 March 2008 in Trinidad and Tobago. The objectives of the workshop were to: provide service providers with a greater understanding of the role of monitoring and evaluation in improving programme management and delivery; strengthen the capacity of service providers to employ appropriate approaches in monitoring and evaluation. The workshop is part of the Regional Drug Demand Reduction Strategy, which is being implemented by CARICOM.

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