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ON THE PREVENTION OF MISUSE AND
THE SUPPRESSION OF ILLICIT TRAFFIC OF
NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES
AND RELATED CRIMES
BETWEEN THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC
AND SAINT LUCIA

The Argentine Republic and Saint Lucia, hereinafter referred to as "The Parties";

AWARE that production, illicit traffic and misuse of drugs and related crimes represent a problem whose international characteristics, evolution and magnitude demand to join forces and resources between the States;

INTERESTED in a further co-operation to prevent and control illicit traffic and misuse of drugs and related crimes, by establishing and strengthening policies, as well as by implementing specific programs for a direct communication and an efficient exchange of information between the relevant agencies of both States;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, dated March 30, 1961, as amended by the Protocol dated March 25, 1972 amending such Convention and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances dated February 21, 1971;

BEARING IN MIND the United Nations Convention against illicit Traffic of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances concluded at Vienna on December 20, 1988;

AFFIRMING the principles contained in the Political Statement and the "Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities" adopted at the 1987 International conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking and in the Political Statement and the Global Program of Action adopted by the United Nations 17th Extraordinary Assembly on February 23, 1990;

RECOGNIZING that both States are increasingly affected by illicit traffic of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related crimes;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the international law principles, as well as the constitutional, legal and administrative rules in force in each country;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Parties shall co-operate in the fight against misuse and illicit traffic of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances through their respective competent national agencies and services, which shall keep a mutual technical-scientific assistance as well as a frequent exchange of information related to the subject matter of this Agreement within the framework of their respective national legislation.

ARTICLE II

For the purpose of this Agreement, the term "narcotic drugs" means all those substances listed in the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, as amended by the Protocol, dated March 25, 1972 amending such Convention, and the term "psychotropic substances" mean those substances listed and detailed in the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances.

To this same effect, "narcotic drugs" and "psychotropic substances" shall include those provided for in the domestic law of each Party.

ARTICLE III

For the purpose of this Agreement, the Competent Authorities shall be the official agencies assigned by each Party to carry out the commitments agreed upon in this Agreement.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship and the Planning Secretariat for the Prevention of Drug Addiction and Fight Against Drug Trafficking shall be the Central Authorities for the Argentine Republic, and the Ministry of Legal Affairs, Home Affairs and Labour the Central Authority for Saint Lucia.

ARTICLE IV

The co-operation subject matter of this Agreement shall include:

a) Exchange of information on studies and assessments of the situation and domestic trends of misuse of drugs, as well as on experiences and actions

carried out by both States on the fields of prevention, treatment and assistance to drug-addicts.

b) Permanent exchange of information and data on the illicit traffic of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related crimes, within the limits authorized by the respective juridical systems.

c) Exchange of experts from the competent agencies to update organizational techniques and structures in the fight against the illicit traffic of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related crimes.

d) Exchange of staff visits from the respective competent agencies in order to co-ordinate joint activities in the field of prevention and control of such misuse; or in the field of suppression of the illicit traffic of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related crimes.

e) Scheduled meetings between the competent authorities concerned with the treatment and recovery of drug-addicts, with the possibility to organize training and specialization courses.

f) Organization of joint Training Seminars for agents in health, education, security and judicial areas on subjects related to the misuse and illicit traffic of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related crimes.

g) Exchange of information on the initiatives launched by the Parties, to favour the entities dealing with the treatment and recovery of drug-addicts.

h) Adoption of measures needed for the fulfilment of this Agreement, including those on legal co-operation between the Parties. Such co-operation shall include the provision of letters rogatory and requests issued by the legal authorities in proceedings against individual or associated traffickers or against anyone violating the laws against illicit traffic and related crimes, or misuse of drugs.

Judicial co-operation shall further include the transmission of final judgements issued by competent authorities, in cases of drug trafficking crimes as far as nationals of the other party are concerned; at large, co-operation shall include all the necessary procedures allowed by each State domestic legislation to meet the goals in this Agreement.

i) Co-operation to prevent, control and detect money laundering or capital legitimization, to simplify investigation and prosecution of those individuals suspected of being involved in such crime, as well as acquisition, possession and transference of assets derived from the illicit drug trafficking and related crimes, and to restrict the flow through international borders of those proceeds from such crimes.

j) Exchange of domestic programmes and projects on drugs, as well as of legislation and legal cases on the issue.

k) Exchange of information on marketing and deviation of chemical precursors within the limits allowed by their respective legal regulations.

ARTICLE V

In order to achieve the goals of this Agreement, the Parties have agreed to establish an "Argentine - Saint Lucia Joint Commission for the Prevention of Misuse and Suppression of the Illicit Traffic of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and Related Crimes" formed by the representatives of the respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs and competent national agencies and services of both States, being in the Argentine Republic the Planning Secretariat for the Prevention of Drug Addiction and Drug Trafficking, and in Saint Lucia the Ministry of Legal Affairs, Home Affairs and Labour and the Drug Abuse and Control Secretariat, which shall act as a co-operation mechanism for prevention and control of misuse and suppression of illicit traffic of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related crimes.

ARTICLE VI

The Joint Commission shall have the following powers:

a) To recommend those specific actions deemed appropriate to meet the goals proposed in this Agreement, through the national competent agencies and services of each Party;

b) To assess the fulfilment of such actions and formulate joint policies and strategies to prevent and fight against illicit traffic, misuse, consumption of narcotic drugs and related crimes;

c) To carry out further supplementary activities to promote the most effective application of other bilateral conventional instruments in force between the Parties;

d) To suggest to the respective Governments the proposals deemed necessary to amend this Agreement.

The Joint Commission shall meet in the dates and venues to be established by both Parties, called by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of both Parties, in order to carry out consultations, exchange experiences and information, as well as assess the results from the execution of the activities carried out within the framework of this Agreement.