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ONDCP–EMCDDA encounter on drugs

News conference: 14:00–14:30 this Thursday (28 October)

Director of the US White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), Barry R. McCaffrey, will visit Lisbon on 28 October for an exchange of views with the Management Board and staff of the Lisbon-based European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA). Officials are expected to discuss co-operation and exchange in the field of information on drugs in general, and perspectives for further ONDCP–EMCDDA co-operation in particular.

The visit will be Director McCaffrey's second to the Centre following his trip to Lisbon in July 1998 on the occasion of the first informal US–EU Drug Forum organised by the EMCDDA and the ONDCP.

Director McCaffrey's visit to the EMCDDA is part of a six-day trip to four European countries (UK, Belgium, Portugal and France) to meet EU and national leaders in the drug field in order to discuss US drug-control policy and to co-ordinate with European anti-drug efforts. Discussions may cover possibilities for holding a second US–EU Drug Forum in the US in 2000.

The first informal US–EU Drug Forum, attended by some 30 high-level US and European officials, discussed: the state of the drug problem on both sides of the Atlantic; US and EU drug strategies; innovative ideas for US–EU co-operation; and a more open and regular exchange of ideas and information on drug-related issues.

During his visit to Portugal, Director McCaffrey will meet President of the Portuguese Republic, Jorge Sampaio.

News conference, EMCDDA, 14:00–14:30, Thursday 28 October

You are invited to meet ONDCP Director Barry R. McCaffrey, Chairman of the EMCDDA Management Board Franz-J. Bindert and EMCDDA Executive Director Georges Estievenart at a news conference at the EMCDDA headquarters at **14:00 this Thursday 28 October**. If you wish to attend, please confirm your attendance in advance to Kathy Robertson or Maria José Louro on ++ 351 1 811 3000. For security reasons, journalists are asked to register at the EMCDDA on 28 October no later than 13.30.

Note to editors

For further information on Director McCaffrey's European visit as a whole, Kerem Bilge at the US Embassy, Lisbon. Tel: ++ 351 1 770 2575. Fax: ++ 351 1 726 9109. Further details on the ONDCP may be consulted at <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov>

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