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Media Advisory and Invitation to the Launch of the UNODC report

“Patterns and Trends of Amphetamine-Type Stimulants and Other Drugs – Challenges for Asia and the Pacific 2013”

11:000 (BKK) Friday 8 November 2013
The Foreign Correspondents Club of Thailand (FCCT)
Penthouse, Maneeya Center (BTS Chidlom)
Bangkok, Thailand

The UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Regional Office for Southeast Asia and the Pacific invites you to join us for the launch of the report *Patterns and Trends of Amphetamine-Type Stimulants and Other Drugs – Challenges for Asia and the Pacific 2013*.

This is the latest in a series of reports on synthetic drugs prepared under the UNODC Global Synthetics Monitoring: Analyses, Reporting and Trends (SMART) Programme.

This Report provides an overview of the ATS situation in the region. It outlines key issues and emerging threats throughout Asia and the Pacific and their implications including:

- Continued expansion of amphetamine-type stimulants (ATS) in Asia and the Pacific
- Record high seizures in 2012 of methamphetamine in pill and crystalline form
- Resurgence of ‘ecstasy’ market in East and Southeast Asia
- Continued diversification of transnational criminal activity in region’s illicit drugs trade
- Indian drug trafficking networks smuggling ATS precursor chemicals
- High demand for methamphetamine-related drug treatment
- Rapid growth of market for new psychoactive substances
- Threats to South Asia and Pacific Island States and Territories.

The programme of the event:

10:30 – 11:00 Registration

11:00 – 12:00 **UNODC’s Global SMART Programme: What we do, and why**
Mr. Justice Tettey
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**Introduction to the Report**
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**Presentation of Report details**
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Questions and Answers

Light refreshments will be served throughout.

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