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## **The Arab Conference for Protecting the Youth from Substance Abuse Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt 12 - 14 June 2005**

In cooperation with the United Nations Regional Office on Drugs and Crime for the Middle East and North Africa (UNODC), the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM) will be organizing a high level conference on the protection of the youth in the Arab world from substance abuse as well as reducing the demand among the youth.

### Vision:

As a response to the Political Declaration Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction and Measures to Enhance International Cooperation to Counter the World Drug Problem (8 – 10 June 1998) that was agreed upon in the special session of the General Assembly that recommended solutions on demand reduction for drugs among youth. The Arab vision is reflective of this main goal that was stipulated in the special session.

### Goals:

1. Presenting the successful national and regional efforts in the area pertaining to protecting the youth from substance abuse and benefiting from the success stories.
2. Evaluating the problems experienced by the field workers and benefiting from the positive experience.
3. Coordinating between the Arab countries in aim to protect the Arab youth from the persisting drug problem and its dangers.
4. Proposing executive plans to reduce the demand on drugs which is to be achieved by 2008.
5. Declaring the Egyptian Strategy on Protecting the Youth from Substance Abuse.

### The Main Themes of the Conference:

It has been agreed upon discussing the following themes in the conference to formulate background papers regarding these topics and presenting them by the experts in the field of demand reduction which are:

1. The role of education;
2. The role of the media;
3. The role of the government;
4. The role of the Family;
5. The role of the civil society;
6. Early detection and prevention;

## 7. Evaluation, impact and follow-up.

### Invitations:

- Decision makers from the relevant ministries pertaining to issues regarding protecting the youth from substance abuse .
- Experts in demand reduction responsible for advocacy and prevention of drugs among the youth.

### Participants:

- Government representatives;
- Government representatives from the Arab Republic of Egypt;
- Regional and International Organizations;
- Non- Governmental Organizations;
- Non- Governmental Institutions concerned with drug prevention and issues related to childhood;
- United Nations Organizations;
- Partners in development;
- Communication Officers concerned with drug problems;
- The Arab Scouts Association;
- Academics and Experts in the field;
- Media and Journalists.

## The Suggested Schedule

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2005**

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| 09:00- 10:00 | Registration   |
| 10:00- 13:00 | Opening Session  |
|              | Opening statement to introduce H.E the First Lady of Egypt   |
|              | Opening Statement by H.E the Queen of Sweden   |
|              | Opening Statement by the Representative of the UN Office of Drugs and Crime  |
|              | Opening Statements by the heads of delegations   |
|              | Presentation of a documentary of the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood on their activities in the project on Protecting the Youth from Substance Abuse |
| 13:00- 14:30 | Lunch Break  |
| 14:30- 17:00 | Plenary Session  |
| 20:00-23:00  | Ceremonial Dinner in honour of the delegations   |

### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2005**

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| 09:00- 12:00 | Workshops  |
| 12:00- 14:00 | Lunch Break  |
| 14:00- 17:00 | Workshops  |
|              | <i>-Parallel-</i> The Compilation Committee will be phrasing the recommendations |
| 18:00- 20:00 | Presenting recommendations – Ambassador Moushira Khattab                         |

### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2005**

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| 11:00- 13:00 | Closing Session   |
|              | Declaration of Recommendations  |
|              | H.E the First Lady of Egypt will be presenting the Egyptian Strategy for the Protection of the Youth from Substance Abuse |
| 20:00- 22:00 | Event at the Opera House  |

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Only Invitations will be extended, all expenses should be covered by the participants themselves or their organizations.