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The United Nations Information Service (UNIS) Vienna

invites you to a

Press Briefing

on the

**Commission on Narcotic Drugs 53rd Session:
Tackling the threat of drugs**

on

Monday 8 March 2010 at 13:00 hours

at

**Vienna International Centre (VIC)
M-building Room M2**

Drugs as a threat to health, development and international security will be among the issues discussed at the 53rd session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) meeting in Vienna from 8-12 March. The CND is the central policy-making body within the United Nations system dealing with illicit drug issues and also the governing body for the drugs work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The 53rd session will also focus on effective ways of raising awareness about the risks of abusing drugs, including cannabis; improving the understanding of drug addiction as a chronic health disorder; and the importance of research and data collection for raising awareness of the world drug problem.

Ambassador Ali Asghar **Soltanieh** (Iran)
Chairman, Commission on Narcotic Drugs

and

Antonio Maria **Costa**
Executive Director, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Moderated by Maher **Nasser**
Director, United Nations Information Service (UNIS) Vienna

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