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LEGAL NETWORK TO PROPOSE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO FIX CANADA'S ACCESS TO MEDICINES REGIME

TORONTO, April 16, 2007 — Prior to its appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology, the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network will give journalists an advance briefing on urgently needed reforms to Canada's Access to Medicines Regime.

The Regime, passed almost three years ago as the *Jean Chrétien Pledge to Africa*, was intended to allow generic drug companies in Canada to produce and export much-needed lower-cost versions of brand-name drugs to developing countries. To date, however, not a single pill has left Canada. The Regime is currently under review by both the Committee and the Government.

WHAT: Advance briefing for media on fixing
Canada's Access to Medicines Regime

WHEN: Wednesday, April 18, 2007
1:00 p.m. ET

WHERE: Charles Lynch Press Room (Room 130-S)
Centre Block, Parliament Hill
Ottawa

Richard Elliott, Deputy Director of the Legal Network, and Carol Devine of Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders will conduct the briefing. They will testify before the Committee after 4 p.m. ET.

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