

RELEASE OF NEW POLL RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS HEALTH ISSUES ABSENT FROM FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN: NATIONAL DRUG STRATEGY AND FUNDING FOR AIDS

TORONTO, October 8, 2008 — The Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network and the Canadian AIDS Society are holding a press conference to highlight the importance of restoring federal funding for AIDS programs and the future direction of Canada's national drug strategy. The groups will also be releasing the results of a new public opinion survey reporting on Canadians' views on these subjects.

- WHO:** **Monique Doolittle-Romas**, Executive Director, Canadian AIDS Society
Alison Symington, Senior Policy Analyst, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network
Angel Parks, Positive Youth Coordinator, AIDS Committee of Toronto, and woman living with HIV
- WHAT:** **Press conference to highlight key federal election issues and the release of a new public opinion poll**
- WHERE:** **AIDS Committee of Toronto**
399 Church Street, Toronto
Room 220
- WHEN:** **Thursday, October 9, 2008**
11:00 a.m. ET
- WHY:** **To highlight the need for increased federal funding for AIDS programs and the inclusion of harm reduction as part of the national drug strategy**

Canadian AIDS Society

The Canadian AIDS Society (www.cdnaids.ca) is a national coalition of over 125 community-based AIDS organizations from across Canada. Dedicated to strengthening the response to HIV/AIDS across all sectors of society, we also work to enrich the lives of people and communities living with HIV/AIDS.

About the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network

The Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network (www.aidslaw.ca) promotes the human rights of people living with and vulnerable to HIV/AIDS, in Canada and internationally, through research, legal and policy analysis, education, and community mobilization. The Legal Network is Canada's leading advocacy organization working on the legal and human rights issues raised by HIV/AIDS.

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