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STATEMENT

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THE GLOBAL COMMISSION ON DRUG POLICY
HONORS THE CONTRIBUTION OF GEORGE SHULTZ



Geneva, 8 February 2021.

The members of the Global Commission on Drug Policy are deeply saddened by the passing of their esteemed colleague and Honorary Chair George Shultz, on 6 February 2021.

George Shultz was among the founding members of the Global Commission on Drug Policy, where he shared his conclusions on the failure of law enforcement-based drug policy to curb the supply of drugs. He remained a committed proponent of drug policy reform, and called on authorities to end the criminalization of people who use drugs and instead to support prevention and harm reduction, and to offer services for those with problematic use.

“George Shultz reminded us of the need to continue questioning the way societies attempt to control illegal drugs. He never shied away from recognizing that the objective of drug control must remain the protection of all people, and that effective reforms can be introduced when the failures of repressive drug policies are recognized,” said Helen Clark, Chair of the Global Commission.

The Global Commission’s members express their deepest condolences to Mr. Shultz’s family and to the people of the United States, and honor his contribution to drug policy reform.

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About the Global Commission on Drug Policy

The Global Commission on Drug Policy was established in 2011 by political leaders, cultural figures, and globally influential personalities from the financial and business sectors. The Commission currently comprises 26 members, including 14 former Heads of State or Government and four Nobel Prize laureates. Its mission is to promote evidence-based drug policy reforms at international, national and regional levels. These reforms must also address issues of public health, social integration and security, with strict regard for human rights. The Commission carries out this role in particular through the publication of reports providing detailed, evidence-based policy recommendations and including the Commission’s opinions, as well as other targeted reports, opinion pieces, and interactions and advocacy with government officials and intergovernmental organizations, in collaboration with civil society leaders.

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