

Press Releases: Assistant Secretary Kirsten D. Madison Travel to Vienna, Austria for the 62nd UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs and Pristina, Kosovo

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Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) Kirsten D. Madison will lead the U.S. delegation to the High-Level Segment of the 62nd Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND), March 14-15, in Vienna, Austria. At the CND, the United States will seek increased national action to control the illicit synthetic drugs that are fueling the ongoing U.S. opioid crisis, building on President Trump's Call to Action on the World Drug Problem, which was launched at last year's United Nations General Assembly.

The United States will also take advantage of the high-level international platform of the CND to showcase innovative national approaches for dismantling illicit supply chains of synthetic drugs and supporting health-centered approaches to reduce demand for these deadly drugs.

The U.S. delegation will include representatives of the Department of Justice, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Food and Drug Administration, and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Following the High-Level Segment of the CND, Assistant Secretary Madison will travel to Pristina, Kosovo to meet with Prime Minister Ramush Haradinaj, officials from the Kosovo Police, the Ministry of Justice, the Kosovo Correctional Service, and members of civil society to advance U.S.-supported justice and law enforcement sector reform in Kosovo. She will also give remarks at an equipment donation ceremony that will significantly enhance the law enforcement capacity of the Kosovo Forensics Agency.

The State Department, through INL, combats drug trafficking, transnational crime, and corruption worldwide by helping governments and civil society build strong, stable, and fair societies overseas that counter the

transnational crime and instability that threatens Americans' security.

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