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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON SUBMITS STATEMENT ON
PRESCRIPTION OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS TO CHILDREN**

WASHINGTON, D.C.--First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton submitted a statement today to the Surgeon General's Conference on Children's Mental Health: Developing a National Action Agenda, being held Sept. 18 and 19 in Washington, D.C. In her statement, the First Lady applauded the Surgeon General for convening advocates and experts to discuss this important issue. She also noted the progress made in improving the diagnosis and treatment of children with emotional and behavioral conditions.

Mrs. Clinton has long been concerned about this subject and hosted a meeting at the White House last March with Secretary Shalala, parent groups, health professionals and educators to discuss strategies to address the inappropriate use of psychotropic drugs on children. At that meeting, the First Lady launched an unprecedented public-private effort to ensure that these children are appropriately diagnosed, treated, monitored, and managed by qualified health care professionals, parents, and educators.

For a copy of Mrs. Clinton's statement, please contact the First Lady's press office at 202-456-2960.

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September 18, 2000

STATEMENT BY FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON TO
THE SURGEON GENERAL'S CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN'S MENTAL
HEALTH: DEVELOPING A NATIONAL ACTION AGENDA

I want to applaud Surgeon General David Satcher for bringing together so many advocates and experts today for the Surgeon General's Conference on Children's Mental Health: Developing a National Action Agenda. The work you are doing today and tomorrow has the potential to bring more health and hope to our nation's children -- and more peace of mind to their parents.

Six months ago at the White House, I joined with Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, Surgeon General Satcher, National Institute of Mental Health Director Steve Hyman, FDA Commissioner Jane Henney, and Assistant Secretary of Education Judith Heumann to launch an unprecedented public-private effort to improve the diagnosis and treatment of children with emotional and behavioral conditions. We came together to address recent troubling reports about the increasing number of young children taking psychotropic drugs, and to help parents concerned about how to best help treat their children.

According to a report in the Journal of the American Medical Association, the number of preschoolers taking psychotropic drugs increased dramatically from 1991 to 1995. The increase for Ritalin alone was 150 percent, and the use of anti-depressants increased over 200 percent. The number of children under the age of five taking clonidine, which is used to treat insomnia in children with attention deficit disorders, tripled. Unfortunately, many of the drugs being prescribed to our youngest children have never been tested on them. None of them have been tested on children under 6, and many have not been tested on children under 16.

As a parent and longtime children's advocate, these findings concern me a great deal, as they do Federal health officials and countless other experts. But, let me be very clear: Our goal has never been to attack these medicines. They have literally been a Godsend for countless adults and young people with behavioral and emotional problems. We know that when children are left untreated, they may fail to reach their God-given potential later in their lives. That's why these efforts to improve the diagnosis and treatment of children with behavioral and emotional conditions are so important. We want the best information for every parent, every doctor, every teacher -- every single person who cares for our children.

At the White House that day, we met with representatives from many of the groups working on the frontlines on behalf of our children. We talked about what more we could do to ensure that children with emotional and behavioral problems get the right

care at the right time. And we discussed many of the difficult questions, which the participants in this conference will be addressing as they help the Surgeon General develop an action plan for the future.

We asked, for example, how are we diagnosing, treating and caring for children with behavioral and emotional conditions? Do we have the best tools to make the most accurate diagnoses? When it comes to drug treatments for children, why are we seeing such great variations by community and race? And what effects do overuse and underuse of these medications have on our children? We also began to ask, why aren't we doing a better job of combining drugs, when necessary, with family therapy and other behavioral modifications? And what are the potential effects on our very youngest children who have not been tested for these prescription drugs and whose brains are in their most critical stage of development?

At this White House meeting, we announced some immediate steps to ensure that children with behavioral and emotional problems get the care they need. I am pleased that we are already making progress in meeting that goal. We know that more research is necessary to ensure that we make more informed decisions about treatments for our children. To address the gap in knowledge, we announced that NIMH would dedicate \$5 million to conduct a landmark study examining ADHD and Ritalin use in preschoolers. This five-year study, which NIMH has already begun funding, will shed much needed light on the safety and effectiveness of Ritalin in young children.

Second, we announced that the FDA would look at some common psychotropic drugs and begin determining what dosage levels are appropriate for very young children. The goal is to put this critical information right on the drug labels. But, these studies will also address the obvious ethical issues that arise when you examine the use of prescription drugs in such a vulnerable group. The FDA's Pediatric Advisory Subcommittee has already begun meeting to discuss these ethical issues, and to develop protocols for making the best diagnosis in young children. In addition, in October, the FDA and NIMH are holding a joint research meeting: "Psychopharmacology for Young Children: Clinical Needs and Research Opportunities."

Third, information about proper diagnosis and treatment of children with mental health problems has not reached many of the people who need it most -- including parents, teachers, school nurses, social workers, pediatricians and family physicians. Therefore, at our White House meeting, NIMH released a new, easy to understand fact sheet to help parents make the right decisions about their children's treatment. The American Academy of Pediatrics announced it would develop new guidelines to treat and diagnose ADHD. Since then, those treatment guidelines have been issued, and they are already giving vital assistance to health professionals everywhere.

Despite the progress already made, we know there are still many questions we must confront. We must ask whether children diagnosed with emotional and behavioral conditions are provided appropriate care in today's health care system. More specifically, are they receiving the full range of services they require? Are these services being

managed appropriately? And does insurance cover the types of services necessary to provide optimal care?

We also should look at the concerns that have been raised by physicians, patient advocates, and other experts about the extraordinary increase in marketing expenditures for a whole range of medications, including Ritalin. We need to determine whether such marketing has encouraged excessive and inappropriate use of pharmaceutical products or has been constructive in making the public more aware of available treatment options. Moreover, we need to determine the implications of the increased use of these medications in very young populations given the lack of knowledge about their long-term effects.

We need to develop long-term strategies for addressing our children's mental health needs, and your work today and tomorrow will play a large role in making that happen. With your input, the Surgeon General will develop recommendations to improve the way we diagnose, treat, and care for children with emotional disorders.

This week's conference is a very important step, but it is certainly not the last step. I look forward to your recommendations and to working with all of you to ensure that young people get the care they need to have the childhoods and futures they deserve.

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U.S. DELEGATION TO THE SYDNEY OLYMPIC GAMES -- OFFICIAL SCHEDULE --

The official United States delegation to the Olympic Games arrives in Sydney on **Thursday, September 14**. The delegation will be headed by the Honorable Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services, and includes:

- The Hon. Edward (Skip) Gnelim, U.S. Ambassador to Australia
- Ms Chelsea Clinton
- General Barry McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy
- Mr Thurgood Marshall, Jr., Assistant to the President
- Mr. Donald Casey, Vice Chair of the President's Council on Physical Fitness & Sports
- Ms Sharon Farmer, Special Assistant to the President

The proposed schedule for the delegation follows:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

14:30 Arrival and media availability

Qantas Jet Base

Sydney Airport

NOTE: Limited access at Qantas Jet Base. Call Rhylla Morgan at 9373-9225 to register.

MEDIA NEED TO BE AT JET BASE BY 2:00PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:30 Tour Sydney Opera House

Sydney

Photo opportunity at 10:00AM on Opera House steps.

18:00 Attend Opening Ceremonies

Olympic Stadium

Olympic Park

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

10:00 Attend Swimming Competition

Aquatic Centre

Olympic Park

13:00 Press Conference on U.S. Government support for anti-drug measures for Salt Lake City 2002*

Main Press Centre

Olympic Park

15:00 Attend Men's Gymnastics Competition
Superdome
Olympic Park

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

16:45 SmokeFree Soccer launch with Australian Minister of Health The Hon. Michael Wooldridge
Venue: To be determined
Melbourne

17:30 Attend U.S. vs. China Women's Soccer Competition
Melbourne Cricket Ground
Melbourne

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00 Attend Beach Volleyball Competition
Bondi Beach
Sydney

16:30 Attend U.S. vs. Cuba Women's Basketball Competition
The Dome
Olympic Park

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

10:30 Attend U.S. vs. Japan Women's Softball Competition
Softball Centre
Blacktown

NOTES:

* ONLY SECRETARY SHALALA, DIRECTOR MCCAFFREY AND MR. MARSHALL
WILL ATTEND THE SEPTEMBER 16 PRESS CONFERENCE.

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**SCHEDULE OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON FOR
MONDAY, SEPT. 11, 2000**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Monday, Sept. 11, 2000, the First Lady will attend the World Jewish Congress “Partners in History” Gala at the Pierre Hotel in New York, NY. The First Lady will be honored for her efforts to secure restitution of assets for Holocaust victims and their families. Mrs. Clinton will deliver remarks.

EVENT: “Partners in History: A Tribute”
DATE: Monday, Sept. 11, 2000
TIME: Remarks at approx. 9:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Pierre Hotel
Grand Ballroom
New York, NY

Press Notes:

OPEN PRESS. No pre-credentialing required, but press must check in at the 5th avenue entrance to the hotel. After checking in, press should proceed to the Wedgewood Room for further direction. Throw is approximately 80 feet. Lighting and mult provided.

Pre-set access for cameras: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Final access for remarks: 8:00 p.m.

All times are tentative and subject to change. Please note that because space is limited in the Grand Ballroom, print reporters likely will have to view the event on live A/V feed to the Wedgewood Room. Cameras may have to be pooled, depending on space.

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