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International Narcotics Control Board Member Resigns

VIENNA, 21 May (UN Information Service) – Renowned drug abuse expert Dr. Maria-Elena Medina-Mora has resigned from the Board, due to pressing professional commitments.

Dr. Medina-Mora, a citizen of Mexico, was first elected to the Board in 1999, and started her first term with the Board in May 2000. A clinical psychologist, with a PhD degree in Social Psychology and knowledge and experience in demand reduction, she is the author of four books and more than 163 research papers which have been cited in numerous scientific publications. In 2006, she was named “Woman of the Year” in recognition of her academic and professional experience and achievements in the field of drug dependence and mental health.

Dr. Medina-Mora was a member of the Board from 2000 to 2005 and started her second term in 2007. She has served as its Second Vice-President and Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Estimates.

“I am sad to see her go and thank Dr. Medina-Mora for her long-standing and exemplary service to the Board,” Professor Dr. Sevil Atasoy, President of the Board, said.

In accordance with the provisions of the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, the Economic and Social Council will fill the vacancy that has arisen by electing a new member to serve out the remainder of Dr. Medina-Mora’s term.

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