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**Time for common sense in the UN's drugs policy:
but will the UN and its member states dare to listen?**

Grantley Haynes

Chair, Conference on Crack & Cocaine (COCA)

Wednesday 26 April at 6.30pm

Committee Room 15, House of Commons

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Cindy Fazey is Honorary Visiting Professor of International Drug Policy at the School of Sociology and Social Policy, Liverpool University, the first school for social work training in Britain. She was a senior officer of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP), the body responsible for coordinating international drug control activities. Its work with the Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) charged to oversee the implementation of the three UN drug control Conventions, has come under widespread criticism. Several member states pay lip-service to these Conventions, claiming that they are driven by dogma rather than pragmatism, challenging one of the basic foundations of the UN's authority, the implementation of Treaties. This debate involves human rights, sovereignty and jurisdiction, social and health problems and the maintenance of international peace and security; governments shy from it. As a result, an endemic paralysis based on self-delusion, consumer state disagreement and dogma-driven funding may yet lead to the collapse of the UN's drugs programmes and, in turn, lead to damage to its wider credibility.

Grantley Haynes is the team manager of the Crack Programme at the Northern Birmingham Mental Health NHS Trust. He is an expert in the Strategic social health risks in relation to crack cocaine.

All are welcome to this open meeting. Allow 25 minutes to negotiate the new security system at the St Stephen's entrance. After the meeting, join us at the Sanctuary, 100 yards up Tothill Street towards St James's Park station to discuss issues raised.....and anything else you want! For further information: contact: info@unawestminster.org.uk

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