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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LAUNCHES ANTI-DRUG FILM

External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall is today hosting a première showing of the film *Gambit/La Combine* at the National Film Board in Montreal. The film depicts the dangers of drug trafficking in foreign countries.

Gambit/La Combine is an eight-minute drama which tells the story of a young couple vacationing abroad who are lured by the offer of quick cash in exchange for transporting drugs back to Canada. The all-Canadian production was shot on location in Ottawa and Trinidad.

"The film depicts the repercussions of being involved with drugs abroad, and emphasizes that drugs can ruin more than your vacation: it can ruin your life," Mrs. McDougall said.

The film will be distributed to anti-drug agencies, law enforcement officers, schools, libraries, travel agents and organizations, and domestic and international airlines. Negotiations are currently under way for the film to be shown in commercial theatres and by television networks across Canada.

The film was produced by the department through its Anti-Drug Information Program, a partner in Canada's Drug Strategy. The goal of the Program is to raise the awareness of Canadians travelling or living abroad of the risks and consequences of using or transporting drugs in a foreign country. The department works with other federal government departments, anti-drug organizations and the private sector in advocating the anti-drug message.

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