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THE BECKLEY/FORESIGHT SEMINAR ON FUTURE POLICY CHALLENGES

TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER
MOSES ROOM, HOUSE OF LORDS

We would like to invite you to a seminar which will seek to consider how we respond to the fundamental questions raised in the Foresight project report entitled '*Drugs Futures 2025?*'

The Foresight project is a UK Government initiative that brings together teams of scientists and policy analysts to look at future scenarios in specific areas of policy identified by ministers, and to highlight the key opportunities and challenges of the next 20 years.

In July 2005, the project produced its report on '*Drug Futures 2025?*' This report (available online at www.foresight.gov.uk) identified future possible availability and use of psychoactive drugs, and our ability to manage such use. It raised 18 fundamental questions regarding the nature and effectiveness of future policies in the light of scientific and social advances.

The UK Government department responsible for the Foresight project asked the Beckley Foundation to help independently review their findings, and to promote debate on the issues that have arisen. This joint seminar, therefore, will contribute to the development of a sustainable policy on the future management of psychoactive substances.

The outcomes from this seminar will feed into the work that the government has asked the Academy of Medical Sciences to take forward, which will look at the 18 strategic choices.