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**STENEHJEM AND OTHER ATTORNEYS GENERAL  
TO MEET WITH MEXICO ATTORNEY GENERAL  
Methamphetamine Interdiction on Agenda**

BISMARCK – Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem will join six other Western Attorneys General\* this week in Mexico to meet with Mexican Attorney General Eduardo Medina Mora and Attorneys General from Mexican states. The meeting between the delegation from the Conference of Western Attorneys General (CWAG) and the Mexican Conference of Attorney Generals (MCAG) will be held on Friday September 21, 2007 and is intended to open a Bi-national Dialogue between the two countries on important issues including methamphetamine interdiction.

“Most of the methamphetamine that is distributed in North Dakota is manufactured in so-called ‘super labs’ in Mexico and brought into the state by traditional smuggling routes that have been used by drug cartels for decades to bring marijuana and other illegal drugs from Mexico,” said Stenehjem.

Attorney General Stenehjem and the other Attorneys General will arrive in Mexico tomorrow where they meet with the Honorable Tony Garza, United States Ambassador to Mexico. Prior to Friday’s meeting with the Mexican Attorneys Generals, the group will meet with local officials of the state of Morelos and surrounding areas.

“There is no simple answer to the methamphetamine crisis, but this meeting will engage officials from both countries in conversations that will be vital to future enforcement efforts,” said Stenehjem. “It is essential, however, that law enforcement officials on both sides of the border sit down together to address ways to solve our common problems.”

The meeting between the CWAG Delegation and the Mexican Attorney Generals is scheduled for Friday September 21, 2007 at 9:00 am. A press conference will be held at 2:30 pm following the closing ceremony of the event at the Mision Del Sol Hotel in Cuernavaca, Morelos.

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\* Other Attorneys General participating in the CWAG delegation are: Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, and New Mexico