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NGO Summary

of the International Guidelines on HIV/AIDS and *Human Rights*

The Second International Consultation on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights convened by UNAIDS and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, has issued a series of guidelines for member states to assist them in designing programs and policies which protect and promote human rights in the context of the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

The text contained in this booklet constitutes a popular summary of the International Guidelines on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights. Some of the words have been changed. Not all of the original text has been included. For the full and unaltered text, please consult the International Guidelines themselves.

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Dear Mrs. Thurman,

Further to your request to receive the latest information about "orphans", please find enclosed 4 pages taken out of the UNAIDS/WHO "June 98 Report".

Best regards,

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It is clear that infection rates are rising rapidly in much of Asia, Eastern Europe and southern Africa. The picture in Latin America is mixed, with prevalence in some countries rising rapidly. In other parts of Latin America and many industrialized countries, infection is falling or close to stable. This is also the case in Uganda, one of the earliest countries to record epidemic growth in HIV infection; in Thailand, where the rapid spread of HIV has been checked by active prevention programmes; and in some West African countries. Nevertheless, although the situation is improving among many groups, large numbers of new infections still occur every year in these countries.

Orphans

HIV has often caused huge increases in death rates among younger adults – just the age when people are forming families and having children (see page 44). This inevitably leads to an increase in orphans. In rural areas of East Africa, 4 of every 10 children who have lost one of their parents by age 15 have been orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

As shown in the tables annexed to this report (see page 64), from the beginning of the epidemic until the start of 1998, some 8.2 million children around the world had lost their mother to AIDS. Many of those had lost their fathers as well. In 1997 alone, around 1.6 million children were orphaned by HIV. Over 90% of those orphans live in sub-Saharan Africa.

Extended family structures have in many countries been able to absorb some of the stress of increasing orphanhood. However, urbanization and the migration of labour, often across borders, is eating away at those structures. As the number of orphans grows and the number of potential caregivers shrinks, traditional coping mechanisms stretch to breaking point. That point may be reached much more rapidly in countries such as Thailand, where the nuclear family is increasingly the norm, and in Cambodia, where decades of war and civil strife have already taken a heavy toll on family structures and social coping mechanisms. These two countries already have the highest proportion of AIDS orphans in Asia.

Report on the global HIV/AIDS epidemic - June 1998

Country	Population 1997		Estimated number of people living with HIV/AIDS, end 1997					Estimated AIDS deaths		Orphans
	Total (thousands)	Adults 15-49 (thousands)	Adults and children	Adults (15-49)	Adult rate (%)	Women (15-49)	Children (0-14)	Adults and children, 1997	Adults and children, cumulative	Orphans, cumulative
Western Europe	400,181	201,131	480,000	480,000	0.23	100,000	5,000	15,000	190,000	8,700
Albania	3,422	1,815	<100	<100	0.01	...	...	...	<100d	...
Austria	8,161	4,203	7,500	7,500	0.18	1,400	<100	...	1,500d	...
Belgium	10,188	5,091	7,500	7,200	0.14	2,600	300	...	1,700d	...
Denmark	5,248	2,604	3,100	3,100	0.12	770	<100	...	1,800d	...
Finland	5,142	2,560	500	500	0.02	100	...	...	210d	...
France	58,542	29,347	110,000	110,000	0.37	...	1,500	...	35,000d	...
Germany	82,190	41,035	35,000	35,000	0.08	6,800	500	...	13,000d	...
Greece	10,522	5,222	7,500	7,500	0.14	...	...	...	1,300d	...
Iceland	274	142	200	200	0.14	...	...	...	<100d	...
Ireland	3,559	1,855	1,700	1,700	0.09	...	...	...	360d	...
Italy	57,241	28,939	90,000	90,000	0.31	27,000	500	...	31,000d	...
Luxembourg	417	215	300	300	0.14	<100	...	...	<100d	...
Malta	371	189	200	200	0.11	...	...	...	<100d	...
Netherlands	15,661	8,189	14,000	14,000	0.17	...	...	...	4,700d	...
Norway	4,364	2,172	1,300	1,300	0.06	...	<100	...	500d	...
Portugal	9,802	4,993	35,000	35,000	0.69	6,800	500	...	3,900d	...
Slovenia	1,922	1,004	<100	<100	0.01	...	...	...	<100d	...
Spain	39,717	20,893	120,000	120,000	0.57	25,000	...	...	33,000d	...
Sweden	8,844	4,127	3,000	3,000	0.07	730	<100	...	990d	...
Switzerland	7,276	3,722	12,000	12,000	0.32	4,100	<100	...	5,100d	...
TFYR Macedonia	2,190	1,171	<100	<100	0.01	...	...	...	<100d	...
United Kingdom	58,200	28,223	25,000	25,000	0.09	...	...	...	13,000d	...
Yugoslavia	10,350	5,235	...	5,000*	0.10*	...	...	...	...	...
North Africa & Middle East	322,211	164,259	210,000	200,000	0.13	40,000	7,000	13,000	42,000	14,000
Algeria	29,473	15,197	...	11,000*	0.07*	...	...	...	...	...
Bahrain	582	344	...	500*	0.15*	...	...	...	...	...
Cyprus	766	382	...	1,000*	0.26*	...	...	...	...	...
Egypt	64,465	32,675	...	8,100	0.03	850	110	930	5,400	750
Iraq	21,177	10,154	...	300*	<0.005*	...	...	...	...	...
Israel	5,781	2,933	...	2,100*	0.07*	...	...	...	...	...
Jordan	5,774	2,746	...	660*	0.02*	...	...	...	...	...
Kuwait	1,731	938	...	1,100*	0.12*	...	...	...	...	...
Lebanon	3,144	1,646	...	1,500*	0.09*	...	...	...	...	...
Liban Arab Jamahiriya	5,784	2,600	...	1,100*	0.05*	...	...	...	...	...
Morocco	27,518	14,583	...	5,000*	0.03*	...	...	...	...	...
Oman	2,401	1,051	...	1,200*	0.11*	...	...	...	...	...
Qatar	569	341	...	300*	0.09*	...	...	...	...	...
Saudi Arabia	19,494	9,535	...	1,100*	0.01*	...	...	...	...	...
Sudan	27,899	13,787	...	140,000*	0.99*	...	...	...	...	...
Syrian Arab Republic	14,951	7,181	...	800*	0.01*	...	...	...	...	...
Tunisia	9,326	5,001	...	2,200*	0.04*	...	...	...	...	...
Turkey	62,774	34,593	...	2,000	0.01	...	...	...	...	...
United Arab Emirates	2,308	1,329	...	2,400*	0.18*	...	...	...	...	...
Yemen	16,294	7,243	...	900*	0.01*	...	...	...	...	...
sub-Saharan Africa	593,027	268,439	21,000,000	20,000,000	7.41	9,900,000	960,000	1,800,000	9,600,000	7,800,000
Angola	11,569	4,955	110,000	100,000	2.12	52,000	5,200	7,200	25,000	19,000
Benin	5,720	2,503	54,000	52,000	2.06	26,000	2,400	3,900	15,000	11,000
Botswana	1,518	743	190,000	190,000	25.10	93,000	7,300	15,000	43,000	28,000
Burkina Faso	11,087	4,843	370,000	350,000	7.17	170,000	22,000	42,000	250,000	200,000
Burundi	6,398	2,914	260,000	240,000	8.30	120,000	15,000	30,000	200,000	160,000
Cameroon	13,937	6,306	320,000	310,000	4.89	150,000	13,000	24,000	100,000	74,000
Central African Republic	3,416	1,582	180,000	170,000	10.77	85,000	7,300	17,000	92,000	65,000
Chad	6,702	3,051	87,000	83,000	2.72	42,000	4,200	10,000	70,000	55,000
Comoros	651	296	...	400*	0.14*	...	...	...	...	...
Congo	2,745	1,219	100,000	95,000	7.78	47,000	5,300	11,000	80,000	64,000
Côte d'Ivoire	14,300	6,611	700,000	670,000	10.06	330,000	32,000	72,000	420,000	320,000
Democratic Republic of Congo	48,040	20,774	950,000	900,000	4.35	450,000	49,000	93,000	470,000	410,000
Djibouti	634	306	53,000	32,000	10.30	16,000	1,300	2,200	7,000	3,900
Equatorial Guinea	420	186	2,400	2,300	1.21	1,100	120	280	2,000	1,600
Eritrea	3,409	1,559	...	49,000*	3.17*	...	...	...	...	...

Annex. HIV/AIDS estimates and indicators, end 1997

Country	Population 1997		Estimated number of people living with HIV/AIDS, end 1997					Estimated AIDS deaths		Orphans
	Total (thousands)	Adults 15-49 (thousands)	Adults and children	Adults (15-49)	Adult rate (%)	Women (15-49)	Children (0-14)	Adults and children, 1997	Adults and children, cumulative	Orphans, cumulative
Ethiopia	60,148	26,447	2,600,000	2,500,000	9.31	1,200,000	140,000	250,000	1,000,000	840,000
Gabon	1,138	512	23,000	22,000	4.25	11,000	800	1,700	7,100	4,800
Gambia	1,169	559	13,000	13,000	2.24	6,300	620	1,500	11,000	8,400
Ghana	18,338	8,418	210,000	200,000	2.38	100,000	10,000	24,000	170,000	130,000
Guinea	7,614	3,357	74,000	70,000	2.09	35,000	3,800	5,700	23,000	18,000
Guinea-Bissau	1,112	503	12,000	11,000	2.25	5,700	420	580	1,500	990
Kenya	28,414	13,381	1,600,000	1,600,000	11.64	780,000	66,000	140,000	600,000	440,000
Lesotho	2,131	985	85,000	82,000	8.35	41,000	3,100	5,200	15,000	9,500
Liberia	2,467	1,152	44,000	42,000	3.65	21,000	2,300	4,600	24,000	21,000
Madagascar	15,845	7,121	8,600	8,200	0.12	4,100	370	600	1,900	1,300
Malawi	10,086	4,474	710,000	670,000	14.92	330,000	42,000	80,000	450,000	360,000
Mali	11,480	5,057	89,000	84,000	1.67	42,000	4,800	8,300	40,000	33,000
Mauritania	2,392	1,135	6,100	5,900	0.52	2,900	250	480	1,900	1,400
Mauritius	1,141	649	...	500*	0.08*	...	...	...	...	...
Mozambique	18,265	8,178	1,200,000	1,200,000	14.17	580,000	54,000	83,000	250,000	170,000
Namibia	1,613	752	150,000	150,000	19.94	75,000	5,000	6,400	14,000	7,800
Niger	9,788	4,216	65,000	61,000	1.45	31,000	3,500	5,800	25,000	20,000
Nigeria	118,369	53,186	2,300,000	2,200,000	4.12	1,100,000	99,000	150,000	530,000	410,000
Reunion	684	365	...	160*	0.04*	...	...	...	...	...
Rwanda	5,883	2,710	370,000	350,000	12.75	170,000	22,000	36,000	170,000	120,000
Senegal	8,762	4,042	75,000	72,000	1.77	36,000	3,800	...	...	49,000
Sierra Leone	4,428	2,025	88,000	84,000	3.17	32,000	3,700	8,400	54,000	47,000
Somalia	10,217	4,454	...	11,000*	0.25*	...	...	...	...	...
South Africa	43,336	21,717	2,900,000	2,800,000	12.91	1,400,000	80,000	140,000	360,000	200,000
Swaziland	906	439	84,000	81,000	18.50	41,000	2,800	5,000	14,000	8,000
Togo	4,317	1,915	170,000	160,000	8.52	82,000	9,600	20,000	130,000	110,000
Uganda	20,791	9,099	930,000	870,000	9.51	430,000	67,000	180,000	1,800,000	1,700,000
United Rep. of Tanzania	31,507	14,347	1,400,000	1,400,000	9.42	680,000	68,000	150,000	940,000	730,000
Zambia	8,478	3,832	770,000	730,000	19.07	370,000	41,000	97,000	590,000	470,000
Zimbabwe	11,682	5,580	1,500,000	1,400,000	25.84	720,000	57,000	130,000	590,000	450,000
South & South-East Asia	1,859,821	954,510	5,800,000	5,700,000	0.61	1,500,000	81,000	250,000	730,000	200,000
Afghanistan	22,132	10,777	...	<100*	<0.005*	...	...	...	...	...
Bangladesh	122,013	61,360	21,000	21,000	0.03	3,100	270	1,300	4,200	810
Bhutan	1,862	860	...	<100*	<0.005*	...	...	...	...	...
Brunei Darussalam	307	173	...	300*	0.2*	...	...	...	...	...
Cambodia	10,516	4,994	130,000	120,000	2.40	60,000	5,400	6,300	15,000	7,300
India	960,178	494,756	4,100,000	4,100,000	0.82	1,000,000	48,000	140,000	350,000	120,000
Indonesia	203,480	109,979	52,000	51,000	0.05	13,000	960	1,600	3,900	1,000
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	71,518	32,664	...	1,000*	<0.005*	...	...	...	...	...
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	5,194	2,324	1,100	1,000	0.04	520	<100	<100	210	150
Malaysia	21,018	10,624	68,000	66,000	0.62	13,000	1,400	2,300	5,700	1,500
Maldives	273	120	...	<100*	0.05*	...	...	...	...	...
Myanmar	46,765	24,361	440,000	440,000	1.79	92,000	7,100	29,000	86,000	14,000
Nepal	22,591	10,404	26,000	25,000	0.24	10,000	580	840	1,700	750
Pakistan	143,831	68,870	64,000	62,000	0.09	12,000	1,800	4,500	15,000	5,000
Philippines	70,724	36,034	24,000	23,000	0.06	7,000	620	630	1,300	480
Singapore	3,439	2,030	3,100	3,100	0.15	610	<100	<100	<500	<100
Sri Lanka	18,273	10,025	6,900	6,700	0.07	2,000	190	400	1,700	450
Thailand	59,159	34,433	780,000	770,000	2.23	290,000	14,000	60,000	230,000	48,000
Viet Nam	76,548	39,722	88,000	86,000	0.22	17,000	1,100	2,700	7,200	1,900
Eastern Europe & Central Asia	373,424	193,385	180,000	180,000	0.09	38,000	4,700	<1000	5,400	<100
Armenia	3,642	1,951	<100	<100	0.01	...	...	...	...	...
Azerbaijan	7,655	4,054	<100	<100	<0.005	...	...	...	<1000	...
Belarus	10,339	5,262	9,000	9,000	0.17	...	...	...	<1000	...
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3,784	2,122	...	750*	0.04*	...	...	...	...	...
Bulgaria	8,427	4,157	...	300*	0.01*	...	...	...	...	...
Croatia	4,498	2,262	...	300*	0.01*	...	...	...	<1000	...
Czech Republic	10,237	5,371	2,000	2,000	0.04	...	...	...	<2000	...
Estonia	1,455	733	<100	<100	0.01	...	...	...	<1000	...
Georgia	5,434	2,726	<100	<100	<0.005	...	...	...	<1000	...
Hungary	9,990	5,102	2,000	2,000	0.04	...	...	...	2000	...

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Kazakhstan	16,832	8,930	2,500	2,500	0.03	...	...	...	<100d	...
Kyrgyzstan	4,481	2,236	<100	<100	<0.005	...	...	...	...	...
Latvia	2,474	1,210	<100	<100	0.01	...	...	...	<100d	...
Lithuania	3,719	1,865	<100	<100	0.01	...	...	...	<100d	...
Poland	38,635	20,473	12,000	12,000	0.06	...	...	...	490d	...
Republic of Moldova	4,448	2,315	2,500	2,500	0.11	...	...	...	<100d	...
Romania	22,606	11,772	5,000	1,000	0.01	...	...	...	4,100d	...
Russian Federation	147,708	77,477	40,000	40,000	0.05	...	...	...	190d	...
Slovakia	5,355	2,880	<100	<100	<0.005	...	...	...	<100d	...
Tajikistan	6,046	2,894	<100	<100	<0.005	...	...	...	...	...
Turkmenistan	4,235	2,132	<100	<100	0.01	...	...	...	...	...
Ukraine	51,424	25,461	110,000	110,000	0.43	...	...	...	240d	...
Uzbekistan	23,656	11,752	<100	<100	<0.005	...	...	...	<100d	...
East Asia & Pacific	1,451,707	814,557	420,000	420,000	0.05	53,000	1,800	5,000	11,000	2,200
China	1,243,738	704,949	400,000	400,000	0.06	48,000	1,400	4,000	6,400	720
Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	22,837	13,291	...	<100*	<0.005*	...	...	...	...	...
Fiji	809	430	260	260	0.06	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100
Hong Kong	5,900	3,647	3,100	3,100	0.08	1,200	<100	140	490	110
Japan	125,638	61,733	6,800	6,800	0.01	380	<100	260	1,700	<100
Mongolia	2,568	1,322	<100	<100	0.01	...	...	...	...	...
Papua New Guinea	4,500	2,260	4,500	4,200	0.19	2,100	300	440	2,200	1,300
Republic of Korea	45,717	26,925	3,100	3,100	0.01	400	<100	100	250	<100
Australia & New Zealand	21,891	11,450	12,000	12,000	0.11	700	<100	700	7,000	<500
Australia	18,250	9,566	11,000	11,000	0.14	550	<100	610	6,000	...
New Zealand	3,641	1,884	1,300	1,300	0.07	190	<100	<100	530	120
North America	301,591	156,277	850,000	850,000	0.55	170,000	8,600	29,000	420,000	70,000
Canada	29,943	15,923	44,000	43,000	0.33	5,600	430	660	11,000	1,000
United States of America	271,648	140,354	820,000	810,000	0.76	160,000	8,100	28,000	410,000	70,000
Caribbean	30,932	16,366	310,000	300,000	1.82	98,000	9,000	18,000	110,000	45,000
Bahamas	288	165	6,300	6,200	3.77	2,100	<100	440	2,900	760
Barbados	262	144	4,300	4,200	2.89	1,400	140	330	2,100	470
Cuba	11,068	6,104	1,400	1,400	0.02	450	<100	100	640	160
Dominican Republic	8,097	4,312	83,000	81,000	1.89	27,000	1,400	2,900	9,300	3,700
Haiti	7,395	3,561	190,000	180,000	5.17	61,000	7,100	13,000	85,000	40,000
Jamaica	2,515	1,367	14,000	14,000	0.99	4,400	240	990	5,200	180
Trinidad and Tobago	1,307	715	6,800	6,700	0.94	2,200	110	480	2,500	760
Latin America	455,247	241,482	1,300,000	1,300,000	0.52	240,000	15,000	81,000	470,000	91,000
Argentina	35,671	17,682	120,000	120,000	0.69	22,000	980	4,300	12,000	2,400
Belize	224	110	2,100	2,100	1.89	520	<100	160	880	340
Bolivia	7,774	3,730	2,600	2,600	0.07	370	<100	180	850	150
Brazil	163,132	90,300	580,000	570,000	0.63	130,000	7,600	44,000	290,000	...
Chile	14,625	7,749	16,000	15,000	0.20	2,700	150	740	2,900	530
Colombia	37,068	19,922	72,000	72,000	0.36	11,000	530	3,000	10,000	1,500
Costa Rica	3,575	1,873	10,000	10,000	0.55	2,600	170	630	3,100	940
Ecuador	11,937	6,227	18,000	18,000	0.28	2,500	200	1,200	7,700	1,100
El Salvador	5,928	3,045	18,000	18,000	0.58	4,400	340	1,100	6,300	2,200
Guatemala	11,241	5,173	27,000	27,000	0.52	6,700	750	1,700	8,300	3,600
Guyana	847	481	10,000	10,000	2.13	3,300	<100	490	2,100	680
Honduras	5,981	2,839	43,000	41,000	1.46	10,000	1,200	3,100	15,000	6,100
Mexico	94,281	49,974	180,000	180,000	0.35	21,000	1,700	14,000	91,000	16,000
Nicaragua	4,351	2,113	4,100	4,100	0.19	1,000	<100	120	320	120
Panama	2,722	1,438	9,000	8,800	0.61	2,200	160	650	3,700	1,000
Paraguay	5,088	2,491	3,200	3,100	0.13	550	<100	240	1,300	340
Peru	24,367	12,654	72,000	71,000	0.56	11,000	510	2,200	6,000	990
Suriname	437	230	2,800	2,700	1.17	890	<100	210	1,100	390
Uruguay	3,221	1,581	5,200	5,200	0.33	900	<100	390	2,200	340
Venezuela	22,777	11,870	82,000	81,000	0.69	12,000	580	2,500	6,600	1,200



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Mr. President, Brian Atwood, Amy Slemmer of Mothers' Voices Against AIDS, Carol Bellamy of UNICEF, Nafis Sadik of the UN Population Fund, distinguished colleagues, guests and friends. I am pleased to participate in this program but saddened by its necessity.

For today we observe World AIDS day for the eleventh time. And we can expect many more.

I look around this room and I see many valiant members of the global network that is fighting the causes and consequences of HIV/AIDS. That network is strong and deeply motivated; it is growing; it is active almost everywhere; but it is not yet winning the war against this disease of awful and shattering power.

Thirty-three million people are now infected with HIV. And up to forty million children will be orphaned by AIDS by the end of the next decade.

It is a deep human tragedy that 90 percent of AIDS orphans live in sub-saharan Africa. But this highly mobile disease has migrated to every corner of the earth.

So directly or indirectly, HIV/AIDS threatens us all -- whether as individuals, as family, friends and neighbors, or as members of the global community.

For we cannot build dynamic economies where one in five or even one in twenty adults is being struck down. We cannot create vibrant democratic institutions where communities are preoccupied with suffering and sorrow. We cannot count on stability where the ranks of military and political leadership are decimated. And we cannot expect a strong sense of social responsibility in the young where too many children have no parents.

All this is why fighting HIV/AIDS, and helping its victims, is a foreign policy imperative.

Soon, I will be releasing a report entitled the 1999 U.S. International Response to HIV/AIDS. This is an interagency effort to document the full range of U.S. resources engaged in the struggle against AIDS. We will use it to launch a diplomatic initiative designed to mobilize and energize others around the world -- both from the top down and the bottom up -- so that international organizations, governments and grassroots reinforce each other and pull in the same direction.

If we are to make progress, governments must understand what you and your overseas counterparts already understand. And that is that HIV/AIDS cannot be denied or ignored or patronized or put off until tomorrow.

This is an urgent, deadly, global threat. It cannot be appeased; it must be confronted.

And as Secretary of State, I will do all I can to see that this imperative is raised as a matter of international security, at the highest levels, at every opportunity, in every region, on every continent.

On this day of special dedication, let us vow to work together across all lines of profession, culture and national borders so that we may bring closer the day when nations and people

everywhere are aware of the dangers of this disease; all act to prevent its spread; all afflicted are helped and their human rights respected; and none rest until HIV/AIDS is conquered or controlled.

Thank you. And now I'd like to introduce the head of the agency whose employees have long been on the front lines of this fight, my good friend, the Administrator of the Agency for International Development, Brian Atwood.
