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Tab C International AIDS Legislative Goals and Calendar

Part I: Appropriations Process

1) Secure full funding for the President's budget request on international AIDS (including HIPC&IDA money) in Appropriations process. Key Appropriations subcommittees are Agriculture, Foreign Operations, Defense, and Labor/HHS (to be reviewed by Martha Foley (WH Legislative Affairs), OMB, USAID first). Attached Appropriations calendar to follow.

2) Organize interagency briefings for above subcommittees. Also target and work with friends on the Committee (Pelosi, Leahy, Durbin, Jackson (Il), Feinstein, etc.).

Part II: Non-Appropriations Measures

1) Secure passage of Administration proposals. Seek legislative vehicle for our vaccine tax credit proposal (Ways & Means, Finance, Health Care revenue bills).

2) Devise strategy for managing congressional initiatives. Leach/Lee (H.R. 3519) passed in the House by voice vote on May 15. Need to fine-tune administration position and prepare for Senate strategy. Currently OMB, Treasury, and USAID are reviewing H.R. 3519's language and devising coordinated strategy for future negotiations with members.

Part III: General Education and Outreach to Members and Committee Education

1) Draft and clear interagency talking points on the AIDS crisis and highlight the Administration's proposals.

2) Design outreach (including specific talking points) for interested congressional groups (CBC, Women's, Asian, Military Committees, etc.).

3) Develop and utilize existing core groups of interested members (for dear colleagues, floor debates, one minutes, "whipping" -- internal lobbying, etc.).

Legislative Calendar

May

4	Senate & House Ag Appropriations - Subcommittee
9	Senate Ag & Foreign Ops Appropriations - Full Committee
10	House Ag Appropriations - Full Committee, House Labor/H Approps - Subcommittee & Senate Labor/H Approps - Subcommittee
11	Senate Labor/H Approps - Full Committee House Defense Approps - Subcommittee
18	Senate Defense Approps - Full Committee (subcommittee date?)
19	House Agriculture Appropriations Bill - Floor Action
24	House Labor/H Approps Bill - Full Committee
25	House Defense Approps Bill - Full Committee
29	Begin House and Senate Recess (May 29 - June 4)
tbd	Senate Agriculture Appropriations Bill - Floor Action
tbd	Senate Defense Approps bill - Floor Action
tbd	Senate Foreign Ops bill - Floor Action
tbd	Senate Labor/H Approps bill - Floor Action

June

5	House and Senate Return from Recess
7	House Defense Approps Bill - Floor Action
8	House Labor/H Approps Bill - Floor Action
12	House Foreign Ops Approps Bill - Subcommittee
20	House Foreign Ops Approps Bill - Full Committee & House Foreign Ops Approps Bill - Floor Action

July

2-9	Projected House and Senate Recess
29	Projected House and Senate Recess (July 29 - Sept 5)

August

House and Senate out all month

September

6	House and Senate return from Recess
13-16	CBC Week, DC

October House and Senate Adjourn

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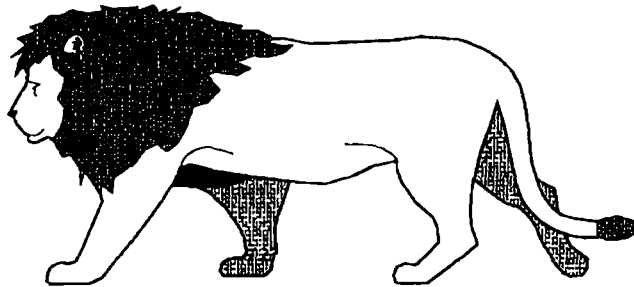
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SUBJECT: Paper for Clearance

Attached is a draft background paper on HIV/AIDS for So. African President Mbeki's state visit.

Please provide comments/changes/clearance by **COB Wednesday April 12.**

Thanks very much.

SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED

HIV/AIDS: SEEING THE BIG PICTURE

South Africa has one of the world's fastest growing HIV/AIDS epidemics: an estimated 1,700 new infections daily or one-half million per year. Nearly ten percent of South Africans are infected and some four hundred thousand have died of AIDS. There are 200,000 AIDS orphans. AIDS deaths will increase substantially in the coming years. The South African Government (SAG) has been somewhat slow to respond, but has now established numerous programs to combat the disease and its spread. Besides being a social and public health crisis, HIV/AIDS in South Africa has precipitated controversies that reverberate globally.

In April, Mbeki wrote to President Clinton to explain his position that questions conventional wisdom on HIV/AIDS transmission and treatment. While he emphasized his government's continued commitment to fight the disease, he defended the need to examine policy options in an African context. Mbeki believes that differences in transmission vectors and death rates between the West and Africa make superimposing western solutions on Africa's problem illogical. These views have attracted international attention.

The SAG rejected AZT use to reduce mother-child transmission due to doubts about its efficacy and safety. Mbeki's government has also rejected offers to conduct clinical trials for vaccines and treatments. These policies have received wide criticism.

In response to high HIV/AIDS drugs costs, South Africa adopted legislation that could undermine patent rights, contrary to the WTO. This action prompted a protracted bilateral trade dispute. Highly visible AIDS activists accused the U.S. administration of favoring rapacious drug companies over suffering South Africans. A satisfactory resolution was reached in September 1999.

Whatever controversies surround HIV/AIDS in South Africa, the important issue for U.S. policy is the SAG's unwavering commitment to mount a vigorous fight against the disease, in partnership with us. HIV/AIDS can undermine U.S. efforts to assist South Africa's transition and could have an impact on our goal of a stable, democratic, and prosperous South Africa. Mbeki agrees, having called AIDS a disease that can destroy South Africa's economic and social reforms. His government has backed up these words with action.

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The SAG has taken several steps to combat HIV/AIDS. In 1995, the Health Department established the HIV/AIDS/STD Directorate to fight the epidemic at the national and provincial levels. There is a national plan consisting of education and prevention, counseling, health care, human rights and law reform, welfare, and research. In October 1998, Mbeki launched the Partnership Against AIDS. The SAG has also created an Inter-Ministerial Committee on AIDS, a cabinet level body tasked with identifying and implementing multisectoral responses. Finally, the SAG is increasing HIV/AIDS funding levels. USAID is providing \$10 million over five years to support the fight against HIV/AIDS, the vast majority on increasing awareness.

Mbeki Mbeki Visit - BP - HIVAIDS Big Picture

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SUBJECT: WORLD AIDS DAY ACTIVITIES REPORT -- LUSAKA

REF: STATE 228642

1. INTRODUCTION: IN ZAMBIA, THE HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC STRIKES AT EVERY SECTOR OF THE SOCIETY. THE ENTIRE POLITICAL SYSTEM IS AT RISK AS BOTH ELECTED OFFICIALS AND RANKING GOVERNMENT LEADERS FALL VICTIM TO THE DISEASE. THE ECONOMY IS AT RISK NOT ONLY AS A RESULT OF THE LOSS OF LEADERS IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CHARGED WITH FURTHERING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BUT ALSO, DUE TO THE IMMENSE COST OF MEDICAL CARE FOR VICTIMS. IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR, WHICH IS SO CRUCIAL TO MEANINGFUL, LONG-TERM PROGRESS IN ALL OTHER SECTORS OF SOCIETY, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE PREDICTING THAT IN 2001, ZAMBIA WILL LOSE 25 PER CENT MORE TEACHERS THAN THEIR UNIVERSITIES WILL PRODUCE. EVEN NATIONAL SECURITY IS AT RISK AS A RESULT OF THE IMPACT OF HIV/AIDS ON THE MILITARY. IN SHORT, WORKING TO AMELIORATE THE IMPACT OF THE HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC ON ZAMBIA IS THE SINE QUA NON OF ALL THE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN TIES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ZAMBIA. END INTRODUCTION.

2. GIVEN THE DEBILITATING IMPACT OF HIV/AIDS ON ZAMBIA, COBATTING THE DISEASE AND ITS EFFECTS IS AMONG THE THREE TOP MISSION PRIORITIES IN THE MISSION PROGRAM PLAN. A MISSION WIDE COORDINATION GROUP, CHAIRED BY THE AMBASSADOR, WAS ESTABLISHED IN LATE

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1999, WHICH WORKS MAINLY THROUGH A ROLLING ACTION PLAN WHICH CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 20-25 ITEMS AT ANY GIVEN TIME, MANY OF THEM INVOLVING MULTIPLE SECTIONS OF THE MISSION MANY OF THE INDIVIDUAL AIDS DAY EVENTS LISTED BELOW WERE INITIALLY DEVELOPED BY THE COORDINATION GROUP AS PART OF THE ACTION PLAN.

3. USAID HAS THE LEAD IN POST INITIATED HIV/AIDS PROGRAMMING AND COOPERATIVE PROGRAMMING WITH ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS, LOCAL NGO'S AND OTHER DONOR NATION/ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES. USAID'S HEALTH/POPULATION/DEVELOPMENT DIVISION HAS THE LEAD IN EFFORTS TPO IMPROVE THE HEALTH STATUS OF THE POPULATION. A MAJOR PROJECT IS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT'S HEALTH CARE DECENTRALIZATION PROGRAM. WORKING WITHIN THIS SYSTEM USAID'S PROGRAM ALSO FOCUS ON: IMPROVING INFANT AND CHILD HEALTH (INCLUDING ORPHANS), REDUCING DEATH RATES, WORKING TO REVERSE DECLINING LIFE EXAPECTANCY, AND PROMOTING FAMILY PLANNING. THE RELATIVELY NEW EDUCATION DIVISION, IN ADDITION TO WORKING IN TRADITIONAL AREAS FOR IMPROVING EDUCATION IN ZAMBIA, ALSO HAS INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS FOR INTRODUCING GENERAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION AND HIV/AIDS PREVENTION INTO THE CURRICULUM.

4. SPECIFIC 2000 WORLD AIDS DAY ACTIVITIES WITH EMBASSY/USAID SUPPORT/INVOLVEMENT INCLUDE:
LEAD-UPS:

--NOV. 21: GRZ PRESENTED NATIONAL HIV/AIDS STRATEGY TO COOPERATING PARTNERS. NOTEWORTHY: PRESIDENT CHILUBA ATTENDED, SPOKE AND RECEIVED A RED RIBBON THAT HE PLEDGED TO WEAR DAILY. AMBASSADOR AND USAID DIRECTOR LED THE U.S. PARTICIPATION; USAID-FUNDED PROJECTS ASSISTED IN FACILITATING THE MEETING AND IN PROVIDING INFORMATION FOR THE MEETING.

--NOV. 21: PAS PARTICIPATED IN AN INTERACTIVE AFNET PROGRAM ON THE UNAIDS THEME, "MEN MAKE A DIFFERENCE." WASHINGTON GUESTS WERE THE DIRECTOR OF THE WHITEHOUSE OFFICE OF NATIONAL AIDS POLICY, SANDRA THURMAN, KENYAN-BORN, NBA BASKETBALL PLAYER, DIKEMBE MUTOMBO, AND AF/PD DIRECTOR, ROBIN SANDERS. LOCAL INTERLOCUTORS NOTED THAT THIS WAS A HIGH IMPACT PROGRAM BECAUSE: 1) THE PRESENCE OF WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF NATIONAL AIDS POLICY DIRECTOR, SANDY THURMAN, MEANT THEY HAD THE HEAR OF THE MOST IMPORTANT HIV/AIDS POLICY MAKERS IN THE U.S.; 2) THEY GAINED A MUCH CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THE EXACT NATURE OF U.S. AIDS PROGRAMMING, THE REASONING

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BEHIND IT AND THE ACKNOWLEDGED NEED FOR EVEN GREATER INCREASES IN FUNDING FOR THIS WORK BY USG OFFICIALS. THEY SAID THEY WERE VERY PLEASANTLY SURPRISED TO DISCOVER HOW WELL U.S. POLICY MAKERS UNDERSTAND ALL THE FACETS OF THIS DEVASTATING PANDEMIC; 3) MR. MUTOMBO'S PRESENCE WAS A VALUABLE ADDITION AS A MODEL FOR THE ROLE OF THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST AIDS. THE LOCAL PANELISTS NOTED THAT MR. MUTOMBO'S PRESENCE WOULD HAVE EVEN GREATER IMPACT IF THE PROGRAM WERE TO BE FEATURED ON ZAMBIAN TV. ZNBC REBROADCAST THE PROGRAM IN ITS ENTIRETY ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

--NOV. 22: "ZAMBIA CARES," EVENT AT THE LUSAKA CIVIC CENTRE; JOINT US/EU "DAY OF AFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT TO PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS." THIS PROGRAM TARGETED POLICY MAKERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS, THE MEDIA AND EMPLOYERS. THE EMPHASIS WAS, "PROVIDING A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT AND ACTING COMPASSIONATELY TOWARDS PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS (PLWHAS) IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY."

THIS PROGRAM, WHICH GREW OUT OF THE US/EU SUMMIT IN PORTUGAL IN MAY, 2000, IMPLEMENTED PLEDGES TO WORK TOGETHER ON HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES. THE FORMAL PROGRAM INCLUDED SPEECHES BY FRENCH CHARGE D'AFFAIRES DOMINIQUE HOMA, U.S. AMBASSADOR DAVID DUNN, AND EU HEAD OF DELEGATION JOCHEN KREBS. FOLLOWING THE SPEECHES, GRZ AND NGO REPRESENTATIVES, AND PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS GAVE TESTIMONIALS AND PERSONAL MESSAGES. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A LUNCH FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS.

IN THE AFTERNOON, THERE WERE THREE PARALLEL SITE VISITS TO: MOTHERS OF MERCY HOSPICE IN CHILANGA, ZAMBIA NETWORK OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH AIDS (NZP+) PROGRAM, AND THE BWAFWANO COMMUNITY-BASED CARE PROGRAM. AMBASSADOR DUNN LED THE MOTHERS OF MERCY SITE VISIT.

USAID AND THE EU SHARED EXPENSES, AND USAID STAFF, ASSISTED BY THE EMBASSY, HELPED PLAN/ORGANIZE THE EVENTS.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS EVENTS INCLUDED: MORE THAN 90 PEOPLE ATTENDED; EXTENSIVE LOCAL MEDIA COVERAGE; RIVETING TESTIMONIALS AND PERSONAL MESSAGES; A SPEECH BY A MEMBER OF THE GRZ HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION URGING THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH AIDS; MINISTRY OF HEALTH DIRECTOR OF PLANNING TALK ON THE MEANING OF THE RED RIBBON AND SUPPORT OF CONDOM

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USE; VERY SUCCESSFUL OPEN PLATFORM SESSION FOR AUDIENCE COMMENTS RESULTED IN AFFIRMATIONS OF SUPPORT FOR PLWHAS AND CLEARLY BROADENED THE BASE OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT.

DEC. 1, WORLD AIDS DAY ACTIVITIES:

--AT 0900 HOURS, AT THE AMERICAN CENTER, AMBASSADOR DUNN PRESENTED THE FIRST ANNUAL JOURNALISM AWARD FOR THE BEST REPORTING ON HIV/AIDS DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THE WINNER, WAS MS. ROSEMARY KONKOLA OF ZNBC RADIO IN KITWE. THE WINNER OF AN HONORABLE MENTION AWARD, PRINCESS KASUNE ZULU, COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CEREMONY. HOWEVER, SHE IS ALSO FROM KITWE. AMBASSADOR DUNN WENT TO KITWE THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND AND PRESENTED MS. ZULU HER AWARD AND RE-CONGRATULATED MS. KONKOLA. THIS BRIEF CEREMONY WAS COVERED BY TV AND AFTER THE CEREMONY AMBASSADOR DUNN WAS INTERVIEWED ON ZNBC RADIO WHERE HE AGAIN HIGHLIGHTED THE DEVASTATION CAUSED BY HIV/AIDS.

--THE MAYOR OF LUSAKA KICKED OFF A WORLD AIDS DAY MARCH AT 8:45AM IN SUPPORT OF THE UNAIDS-DEVELOPED INTERNATIONAL THEME, "MEN MAKE A DIFFERENCE." THE MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS FOCUSED ON THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF MEN IN REDUCING HIV/AIDS TRANSMISSION.

--FOLLOWING THE MARCH, OVER 1,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED A RALLY. AMBASSADOR DUNN AND THE NEW MINISTER OF HEALTH, ENOCH KAVINDELE, BOTH PARTICIPATED IN THE RALLY. MINISTER KAVINDALE'S REMARKS WERE CANDID ON THE NATURE OF THE HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC AND VERY SUPPORTIVE OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH AIDS. THE RALLY ALSO INCLUDED DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES AND INFORMATION BOOTHS. AMONG THE OFFERINGS AT THE BOOTHS WERE USAID-FUNDED HIV/AIDS PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES. IN ADDITION, USAID-FUNDED PROJECT STAFF ATTENDED AND PROVIDED A VARIETY OF SUPPORT FOR RALLY EVENTS.

--THE STAFF OF THE USAID-FUNDED PROJECT, ZAMBIA INTEGRATED HEALTH PROGRAM (ZIHP) APPEARED ON THE POPULAR INDEPENDENT RADIO PHOENIX PROGRAM "LET THE PEOPLE TALK." THE INTERLOCUTUORS EXPLAINED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORLD AIDS DAY THEME "MEN MAKE A DIFFERENCE". AUDIENCE REACTION WAS SO OVERWHELMING THE SHOW WAS EXTENDED BY 1 HOUR AND WAS EVEN COVERED

ON TV NEWS THAT EVENING.

-- "TRENDSETTERS," AN EXTREMELY POPULAR YOUTH-ORIENTED NEWSPAPER FUNDED BY USAID, SPONSORED A RED RIBBON DANCE AT LOCAL NIGHTCLUB. SEVERAL HUNDRED OF LUSAKA'S

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LEADING YOUTH ATTENDED. "TRENDSETTERS" ALSO DISTRIBUTED A FREE NEWS SUPPLEMENT AND BROCHURE EMPASIZING THE "MEN MAKE A DIFFERENCE" THEME.

-- A THREE-DAY FOOTBALL (SOCCER) TOURNAMENT WAS ORGANIZED AND COSPONSORED BY USAID'S ZIHP PROGRAM STAFF WITH CO-FUNDING FROM SIDA (SWEDISH AID) AND SUPPORT FROM CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP. THE WINNING TEAM WAS FUNDED BY SIDA TO PLAY IN SWEDEN. OTHER TOURNAMENT-RELATED ACTIVITIES INCLUDED INFORMATION BOOTHS, DRAMA PERFORMANCES ON HIV/AIDS THEMES, AND PEER EDUCATION ACTIVITIES FOR TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS.

DEC. 2ND

--AFRICA ALIVE, A USAID-FUNDED, YOUTH-FOCUSED, HIV/AIDS NGO, HELD AN ALL DAY CONCERT ATTENDED BY SEVERAL THOUSAND. AS PART OF A CAMPAIGN FEATURING PROMINENT ARTISTS IN HIV/AIDS PREVENTION EDUCATION, THE EVENT INCLUDED A VARIETY OF HIV/AIDS EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND INFORMATION BOOTHS.

DEC. 3RD

--THE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT CULMINATED WITH A USAID-SUPPORTED, ZIHP ORGANIZED AND SPONSORED HALF-DAY ROLE MODEL WORKSHOP FOR ATHLETES. THE PARTICIPATING ATHLETES WERE GIVEN TRAINING IN ROLE-MODELING TO BETTER UTILIZE THEIR PROMINENCE TO SPEAK OUT ON HIV/AIDS ISSUES. TWENTY NATIONALLY KNOWN ZAMBIAN ATHLETES REPRESENTING A WIDE SPECTRUM OF SPORTS (FOOTBALL, SQUASH, WEIGHTLIFTING, JUDO, TRACK AND FIELD, ETC.) PARTICIPATED IN THE WORKSHOP.

--THE MINISTER OF HEALTH WAS THE GUEST OF HONOR AT A RECEPTION THE AMBASSADOR HOSTED AT HIS RESIDENCE. AMBASSADOR DUNN, THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, AND THREE ATHLETIC STARS ALL GAVE WORDS OF PRAISE AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE WORKSHOP AND EMPHASIZED THE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY ENTAILED IN BEING A ROLE MODEL TO YOUTH ON THIS CRUCIAL ISSUE. CORPORATE LEADERS ALSO PARTICIPATED, INCLUDING THE MANAGING DIRECTORS OF BP ZAMBIA AND ZANACO, THE NATION'S LARGEST COMMERCIAL BANK. THE WORKSHOP AND RECEPTION WERE PART OF AN ONGOING EFFORT TO CREATE ROLE MODELS AMONG ARTISTS, SPORTS FIGURES AND OTHERS WHOSE PROMINENCE IS INFLUENTIAL ON ZAMBIAN YOUTH. ONE IMMEDIATE RESULT WAS A ZAMBIAN SQUASH CHAMPION, WHO ATTENDED THE WORKSHOP AND RECEPTION, REQUESTED INFORMATION ON AFRICA ALIVE'S ACTIVITIES AND WANTED T-SHIRTS BEARING AFRICA ALIVE'S HIV/AIDS PREVENTION

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MESSAGE. SHE PLEDGED TO WEAR THE T-SHIRT DURING MATCHES AT THE UPCOMING SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS DISCUSS HIV/AIDS PREVENTION AND AWARENESS IN ANY SPEECHES OR INTERVIEWS IN WHICH SHE PARTICIPATES.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES FOR DEC. INCLUDING:

--USAID-FUNDED ZIHP BEGAN AN "BETTER HEALTH CAMPAIGN" (PRINT AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA) AIMED AT PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION FOR ADULTS. HIV/AIDS IS FOCUSED FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

--USAID-FUNDED ZIHP-SUPPORTED "HEART" (HELPING EACH OTHER ACT RESPONSIBLY) CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED PHASE II ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER. THIS CAMPAIGN ULTIZES BOTH PRINT AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA TO TARGET YOUTH AUDIENCES WITH INFORMATION ON HIV/AIDS PREVENTION.

--THE AMBASSADOR'S WIFE, AND USAID/ZAMBIA STAFF REPRESENTED THE EMBASSY AT AN OPEN HOUSE FOR THE NEW TRAINING FACILITY AT OUR LADY'S HOSPICE. THE HOSPICE PROVIDES CARE TO HIV/AIDS VICTIMS IN KALINGALINGA COMPOUND, LUSAKA.

4. IN PRESENTING THE FOREGOING LIST OF PROJECTS, EVENTS, AND ACTIVITIES IT MUST BE EMPHASIZED THAT THE ENTIRE MISSION IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN HIV/AIDS PREVENTION EFFORTS ON A DAILY BASIS. WHETHER DIRECTLY INVOLVED, OR WORKING TO SUPPORT THOSE WHOSE WORK IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED, EVERY AGENCY AND SECTION OF THIS MISSION IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THIS DEVASTATING DISEASE. IN SHORT, THE FIGHT AGAINST THIS DEADLY ADVERSARY IS A TEAM EFFORT SUPPORTED BY THE ENTIRE MISSION.
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REF: NAIROBI 9534

EMBASSY NAIROBI IS PROCEEDING WITH PLANS FOR THE HIV/AIDS
CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 11-12, 2001, IN NAIROBI. IN
ORDER TO MAKE ALL NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS AND RESERVE HOTEL
ROOMS, POST WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR COUNTRY CLEARANCE
REQUESTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE LET US KNOW ALL PERSONS
WHO WILL BE ATTENDING, INCLUDING TITLES, AND AGENCY AS WELL
AS ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE DETAILS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU
AT THE CONFERENCE.
CARSON

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NAIROBI ALSO FOR USAID/REDSO EVANS AND KNAUSENBERGER

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SUBJECT: AFRICAN CONSENSUS AND PLAN OF ACTION:
LEADERSHIP TO OVERCOME HIV/AIDS

REFS: ADDIS ABABA 4213 (CORRECTED COPY ADDIS ABABA 4263)

THIS MESSAGE RELAYS THE CONSENSUS AND ACTION PLAN ADOPTED BY
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DELEGATES AT THE U.N. ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA'S (UNECA)
AFRICAN

DEVELOPMENT FORUM (ADF) 2000 CONFERENCE ON "AIDS -- THE GREATEST
LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE." THIS MESSAGE ALSO CONTAINS STAKEHOLDER
COMMENTS, MINUTES OF THE FORMAL ACTION PLAN ADOPTION SESSION AND
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COMMENTS ON IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN. ALL CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS,
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LEADERSHIP TO OVERCOME HIV/AIDS

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A. THE CONSENSUS PREAMBLE:

NOW IS THE DECISIVE MOMENT IN AFRICA'S STRUGGLE TO OVERCOME THE
CONTINENT-WIDE THREAT OF HIV/AIDS. SUCCESS IN OVERCOMING THE HIV/AIDS
PANDEMIC DEMANDS A COMPARABLE MORAL, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL
COMMITMENT TO

FIGHTING A WAR OF NATIONAL LIBERATION. LEADERSHIP ACTIONS ARE
DEMANDED

AT ALL LEVELS, TO HALT THE PREVENTABLE SPREAD OF THE HIV/AIDS
PANDEMIC,

AND TO PROVIDE A DECENT LIFE FOR CITIZENS OF AFRICA LIVING WITH
HIV/AIDS. EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE LEADERSHIP ACTS NECESSARY TO
PREVENT HIV/AIDS AND TO HELP THOSE BURDENED BY HIV/AIDS, WITHOUT
EXCEPTION, ARE THINGS WE WANT ANYWAY FOR A BETTER, MORE DEVELOPED
AFRICA, AND MUST BE IMPLEMENTED IN FULL AND WITHOUT DELAY. THE AFRICA
DEVELOPMENT FORUM 2000 IS A BREAKTHROUGH. IT REPRESENTS A
WATERSHED IN

NATIONAL LEADERS' READINESS TO ADDRESS INTIMATE PERSONAL BELIEFS AND
BEHAVIOR IN A PUBLIC AND POLITICAL MANNER. IT MARKS AN UNPRECEDENTED

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COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT TO THE STRUGGLE AGAINST HIV/AIDS.

1. PERSONAL LEADERSHIP.

EVERY INDIVIDUAL MUST PERSONALLY BREAK THE SILENCE AROUND THE NORMS AND VALUES THAT FUEL THE HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC. AS A CITIZEN, LEADER, WIFE, HUSBAND, PARENT, CHILD, YOUTH, ADULT, WORKER, EMPLOYER, THERE ARE CRITICAL ISSUES OF INFORMATION, ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIOR THAT MUST BE LEARNED AND FACED.

1.2. PARENTS HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN ABOUT THE REALITIES OF HIV/AIDS.

1.3. EACH PERSON MUST REGARD THEMSELVES AS AFFECTED BY THE HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC, AND MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY THEMSELVES OR A LOVED ONE MAY BECOME INFECTED.

1.4. EVERY PERSON SHOULD CONFRONT THE REALITY OF DENIAL, STIGMATISATION AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS, AND SHOULD EMBRACE PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS AS FELLOW MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND NATIONS.

1.5. PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS ARE HUMAN BEINGS IN FULL POSSESSION OF THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS. THEY MUST BE VALUED AS A RESOURCE IN AND OF THEMSELVES, AND AS CRUCIAL ALLIES IN THE COMMON STRUGGLE TO OVERCOME HIV/AIDS.

1.6. EACH PERSON MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTING THEMSELVES, AND FOR PREVENTING THE VIRUS BEING TRANSMITTED TO OTHERS.

1.7. EVERY INDIVIDUAL SHOULD SEEK TO BREAK THE SILENCE ABOUT HIV/AIDS, AND BE READY TO SPEAK ABOUT SEXUAL RELATIONS AND CONFRONT THE UNEQUAL POWER RELATIONS WITHIN SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS.

1.8. YOUTH THEMSELVES HAVE A UNIQUE RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPOND TO THE CHALLENGE OF HIV/AIDS. THEY HAVE CREATED A REAL SOCIAL MOVEMENT AROUND HIV/AIDS THAT MUST BE SUPPORTED.

2. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

2.1. THE STRUGGLE AGAINST HIV/AIDS WILL BE WON COMMUNITY BY COMMUNITY, IN EVERY VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP, AND SETTLEMENT ACROSS AFRICA. AUTHORITY AND

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RESOURCES TO OVERCOME THE PANDEMIC MUST BE DEVOLVED TO THE LOCAL LEVEL.

2.2. AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL, THERE SHOULD BE A COMMON STRUGGLE TO OVERCOME HIV/AIDS, WITH ACTIONS AND STRATEGIES THAT COMBINE ALL MEMBERS AND COMPONENT PARTS OF THE COMMUNITY, RESULTING IN A TRUE LOCAL PARTNERSHIP.

2.3. WOMEN AND GIRLS MUST BE STRENGTHENED AND EMPOWERED IN THEIR HOMES, WORKPLACES, SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES, AND PROVIDED WITH THE CULTURAL, LEGAL AND MATERIAL MEANS OF PROTECTION FROM SEXUAL ABUSE. MEN'S RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS WOMEN MUST BE EMPHASIZED. PERPETRATORS OF SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MUST BE PROSECUTED IN THE COURTS. CHILD- AND WOMAN-FRIENDLY FAMILY COURTS MUST BE CREATED, EXPANDED TO SCALE AND SUPPORTED.

2.4. THE AVAILABILITY OF CONDOMS MUST BE ENSURED, AND PEOPLE MUST BE TAUGHT ABOUT THEIR IMPORTANCE AND USE.

2.5. YOUTH MUST BE ENGAGED AS FULL PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY, AS A SPECIAL AND INVALUABLE RESOURCE, THAT HAS BEEN NEGLECTED UNTIL NOW. THE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THROUGHOUT AFRICA PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE FORUM AND THEIR POSITION IS APPENDED FOR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION WITH A VIEW TO INCORPORATION IN NATIONAL PLANS OF ACTION.

2.6. THE MANY DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS IN COMMUNITIES EACH HAVE PARTICULAR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, INCLUDING, - TRADITIONAL HEALERS
- TEACHERS - EMPLOYERS - SPIRITUAL LEADERS

2.7 THOSE CARING FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH AIDS NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IN RECOGNITION OF THE SPECIAL BURDENS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UPON THEM.

2.8 IN SUM, THERE IS A NEED FOR TOTAL SOCIETAL MOBILIZATION AT A COMMUNITY LEVEL, CREATING A ROBUST 'SOCIAL IMMUNITY' FROM THE SCOURGE OF HIV/AIDS.

3. NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

3.1 NATIONAL LEADERS' PRIME RESPONSIBILITY IS TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS FOR COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION, ACROSS THE NATION.

3.2 MANY CASES OF IMPRESSIVE NATIONAL EFFORTS EXIST: THE CHALLENGE IS TO SCALE THESE UP TO COVER EVERY COMMUNITY.

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3.3 NATIONAL LEADERS' PERSONAL INITIATIVE CAN TRANSFORM THE MORAL AND SOCIAL CLIMATE IN WHICH HIV/AIDS CAN BE DISCUSSED AND ADDRESSED OPENLY, AND DENIAL AND STIGMA CAN BE OVERCOME.

3.4 NATIONAL AIDS AUTHORITIES AND COUNCILS SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY IN ORDER TO ASSURE A BROAD, MULTI-SECTORAL RESPONSE AT THE NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY LEVELS. BEST CASES IN AFRICA DEMONSTRATE THAT HIGHEST LEVEL POLITICAL LEADERSHIP OF SUCH COUNCILS IS A REQUIREMENT.

3.5 SUCH MULTI-SECTORAL LEADERSHIP REQUIRES:

- EVERY SECTOR MUST ACHIEVE COMPETENCE ON HOW HIV/AIDS AFFECTS ITS ACTIVITIES AND HOW IT CAN CONTRIBUTE TO A MULTI-SECTORAL PLAN TO OVERCOME THE PANDEMIC.
- THE HEALTH SECTOR, PROVIDED WITH SUITABLE RESOURCES, MUST PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN PREVENTION AND TREATMENT.
- THE EDUCATION SECTOR IS CENTRAL TO EFFECTIVE RESPONSES TO HIV/AIDS. SEX EDUCATION MUST BE IN EVERY CURRICULUM. SCHOOLS MUST BE MODELS FOR EQUITABLE GENDER RELATIONS.
- THE SOCIAL WELFARE SECTOR MUST PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THOSE CARING FOR PEOPLE WITH AIDS, AND FOR THEIR DEPENDENTS INCLUDING ORPHANS.
- THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND MINING SECTORS MUST SHOULDER THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MINIMIZING TRANSMISSION OF HIV AND FOR NON-DISCRIMINATORY EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES.
- THE MILITARY MUST CONFRONT THE REALITY OF HIGH LEVELS OF HIV PREVALENCE AMONG SOLDIERS, AND TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO REDUCE TRANSMISSION. ARMIES MUST PROVIDE FOR SOLDIERS WHO ARE HIV POSITIVE. AS DISCIPLINED NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, ARMIES CAN TAKE A LEADING ROLE IN HIV/AIDS CONTROL PROGRAMS.
- THE MEDIA HAVE A CRUCIAL ROLE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION AND SHAPING ATTITUDES.

3.6 PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS SHOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO NATIONAL POLICYMAKING AND IMPLEMENTATION IN A MEANINGFUL MANNER.

3.7 CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE TAKEN THE LEAD IN MANY ASPECTS OF

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HIV/AIDS CONTROL. THEIR ROLES MUST BE APPRECIATED AND SUPPORTED. THE COMMON POSITION OF AFRICAN CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED AT THE FORUM IS IMPORTANT AND IS THEREFORE APPENDED TO THIS AFRICAN CONSENSUS AS A SERIOUS STATEMENT FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION AT NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY LEVELS.

3.8 RELIGIOUS LEADERS HAVE IMMENSE INFLUENCE OVER MATTERS OF PERSONAL MORALITY AND BEHAVIOR. RELIGIOUS VALUES SUCH AS CARE FOR THE STRICKEN, TOLERANCE AND INCLUSION CAN ASSIST IN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIV/AIDS

3.9 THE STATUS OF WOMEN AT A NATIONAL LEVEL NEEDS SPECIAL EMPHASIS. NATIONAL LEADERS CAN INITIATE SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND SET UP SPECIAL INSTITUTIONS TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN.

4. REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

4.1 AFRICA'S HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES. IT DEMANDS ACTION

AT A CONTINENTAL LEVEL AND LEADERSHIP FROM AFRICA'S REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. MUCH CAN BE LEARNED FROM SUCCESSFUL EXAMPLES OF THE CONTAINMENT OF THE HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES IN AFRICA. THE SHARING OF EXPERIENCES AND THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ADVICE FROM ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA ARE TOOLS TOWARDS ADOPTING BEST PRACTICES ACROSS THE CONTINENT.

4.2 ESSENTIAL AND COMPREHENSIVE CARE AND TREATMENT FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS IS REQUIRED. A CONTINENTAL STRATEGY TO ENSURE THE AFFORDABLE PROVISION OF ESSENTIAL ANTI-RETROVIRAL DRUGS AND TREATMENTS FOR OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTIONS IS NEEDED VERY RAPIDLY. THIS REQUIRES A DETERMINED PAN-AFRICAN STRATEGY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH INTERNATIONAL DONORS AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES.

4.3 PEACE IS AN ESSENTIAL PRE-REQUISITE FOR EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS AGAINST HIV/AIDS. AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE KEY ROLES TO PLAY IN CREATING AND MAINTAINING PEACE AND SECURITY.

4.4 LONG-DISTANCE MIGRATION IS A RISK FACTOR FOR HIV/AIDS THAT DEMANDS INTER-STATE COOPERATION TO CONTAIN HIV/AIDS.

5 INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

5.1 AN ESTIMATED US\$3 BILLION IS REQUIRED ANNUALLY TO CONTAIN THE HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC. THE FIRST SOURCE FOR RESOURCE COMMITMENT MUST BE DOMESTIC. IN THE FRAMEWORK OF MULTI-SECTORAL STRATEGIES, ADEQUATE

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PROVISION FOR HIV/AIDS PROGRAMS SHOULD BE PROMINENTLY REFLECTED IN EVERY MINISTERIAL BUDGET.

5.2 THIS ALSO REQUIRES MOBILIZATION OF RESOURCES FROM EVERY POSSIBLE SOURCE SUCH AS THE DOMESTIC PRIVATE SECTOR AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES.

5.3 FOREIGN DONORS AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS MUST GREATLY INCREASE THEIR FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS TO HIV/AIDS AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. THIS ASSISTANCE, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, SHOULD BE IN THE FORM OF GRANTS, NOT LOANS.

5.4 DEBT RELIEF IS A NEW POTENTIALLY IMPORTANT SOURCE FOR BOTH MONEY AND POLITICAL COMMITMENT, AND AS A MEANS OF MAINSTREAMING HIV/AIDS PROGRAMMING INTO DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY REDUCTION POLICIES.

5.5 OTHER SOURCES OF FINANCE SUCH AS CORPORATIONS AND FOUNDATIONS, AND INNOVATIVE TAXES, SHOULD ALSO BE SOUGHT.

5.6 MECHANISMS TO ENSURE THE QUICK, EFFECTIVE, DIRECT AND ACCOUNTABLE DELIVERY OF RESOURCES TO LOCAL GROUPS AND PROGRAMS WILL BE REQUIRED.

THE HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC IS MANAGEABLE. WITH THE REQUIRED POLITICAL COMMITMENT, PROVISION OF RESOURCES, AND STRATEGIES THAT INCLUDE ALL STAKEHOLDERS AS VALUED PARTNERS, THE HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC CAN BE ROLLED BACK AND CONTAINED. THE EXPERIENCE OF CERTAIN AFRICAN COUNTRIES SHOWS THAT THIS IS ACHIEVABLE. IT MUST NOW BE DONE ACROSS THE ENTIRE CONTINENT. AFRICA'S HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC WILL BE OVERCOME AT A CONTINENTAL LEVEL OR NOT AT ALL.

B. PLAN OF ACTION

1. AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

1.1 EACH COUNTRY SHOULD HOLD A REPRESENTATIVE NATIONAL WORKSHOP BY MID FEBRUARY 2001, TO DETERMINE HOW THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADF CAN BE TURNED INTO ACTION AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL.

1.2 ALL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD PREPARE REPORTS FOR THE SPECIAL SUMMIT OF THE OAU ON HIV/AIDS BY MID-MARCH. THESE SHOULD INCLUDE CONCRETE ACTION ON NATIONAL INITIATIVES AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION.

1.3 CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS (PLHAS) AND YOUTH, SHOULD STRENGTHEN THEIR COOPERATION, EVALUATE THEIR EXPERIENCE, AND PREPARE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE OAU SPECIAL SUMMIT.

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2. AT THE REGIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVELS

2.1 AFRICA'S REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WILL ENSURE THAT THE ADF CONSENSUS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS ARE KEPT HIGH ON THE AGENDAS FOR MEETINGS OF AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE AND SUB-REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

2.2 DURING 2001, SUB-REGIONAL SUMMITS ARE URGED TO ADDRESS THE HIV/AIDS CHALLENGE AS A MATTER OF HIGH PRIORITY. TO THIS END, THE OFFICIAL SUB-REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD SIMILARLY PLACE HIV/AIDS AS A TOP PRIORITY IN THEIR WORK.

2.3 AT THE REGIONAL MEETING OF ALL FINANCE AND PLANNING MINISTERS (ALGIERS, 23-25 APRIL 2001), THE INTERWEAVING OF POVERTY REDUCTION, DEBT RELIEF AND HIV/AIDS STRATEGIES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED, AND COMMON POSITIONS ON INTERNATIONAL RESOURCING FOR COMBATING HIV/AIDS AGREED UPON.

2.4 THE SPECIAL SUMMIT OF THE OAU ON HIV/AIDS AND OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, IN ABUJA, 25-27 APRIL 2001, SHOULD BE A PIVOTAL EVENT FOR THE CONTINENTAL CAMPAIGN TO OVERCOME HIV/AIDS. THIS CONSENSUS STATEMENT AND PLAN OF ACTION SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AT THAT SUMMIT FOR THEIR ADOPTION. CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, PLHA, YOUTH AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AS PARTICIPANTS.

2.5 THE OAU ANNUAL SUMMIT IN LUSAKA IN JULY 2001 SHOULD DEVOTE A SPECIAL SESSION TO HIV/AIDS AND REQUEST THAT THE ISSUE REMAIN ON THE AGENDA FOR FUTURE SUMMITS, IN WHICH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OAU WILL PRESENT A REPORT ON PROGRESS MADE IN COMBATING HIV/AIDS AND CHALLENGES WHICH REQUIRE MOST URGENT ATTENTION.

2.6 AT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL SESSION ON HIV/AIDS, IN JUNE 2001, AFRICAN PARTICIPANTS SHOULD PRESENT A COMMON POSITION BASED ON THIS CONSENSUS, AND A COMMON COORDINATED DEMAND FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE, DEBT RELIEF, AND PROVISION OF AFFORDABLE DRUGS.

2.7 AT THE UN SUMMIT FOR CHILDREN, IN SEPTEMBER 2001, IT SHOULD BE STATED CLEARLY THAT THE NUMBER ONE THREAT TO AFRICA'S CHILDREN IS HIV/AIDS, AND THAT THERE IS A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY AMONG ALL STATES TO TAKE ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT THE NEXT GENERATION OF AFRICANS DOES NOT HAVE TO FACE THE SCOURGE OF THE HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC.

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2.8 IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, MEANS SHOULD BE DEvised SO THAT
RECURRENT
REVIEWS, SHARING OF BEST PRACTICES AND PEER PRESSURE FOR IMPROVED
PERFORMANCE TAKES PLACE AT ALL REQUIRED LEVELS.

3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THIS FORUM

3.1 THE MAJOR PRESENTATIONS BY NOTABLES ATTENDING THE FORUM SHOULD BE
MADE WIDELY AVAILABLE TO AFRICAN RADIO AND TV SERVICES.

STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS
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YOUTH STATEMENT TO THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FORUM

WE THE YOUNG PEOPLE REPRESENTED AT THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FORUM 2000
STATE OUR POSITION ON AIDS AND LEADERSHIP:

- RECOGNIZING THAT POVERTY IN AFRICA PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE IN SHAPING
BOTH
THE COURSE AND THE RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC;
- HORRIFIED AT THE NUMBER OF LIVES LOST UNNECESSARILY TO AIDS;
- DISILLUSIONED BY THE FACT THAT OUR LEADERS HAVE BETRAYED US BY
WAGING
WARS, PLUNDERING OUR RESOURCES, RAIDING OUR NATIONAL TREASURIES, AND
TAKING INSUFFICIENT ACTION ON HIV/AIDS;
- DEEPLY SADDENED THAT DUE TO THE ROLE OF THE WORLD BANK AND THE IMF
IMPOSED STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMS, MANY AFRICAN STATES CAN NO
LONGER PROVIDE THE BASIC EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES THAT ARE SO
CRITICAL TO DEVELOPMENT;
- DISTURBED THAT THE INABILITY OF MANY AFRICAN STATES TO DELIVER ON
HEALTH AND EDUCATION SERVICES IS IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF THE UNIVERSAL
DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS;
- OUTRAGED BY THE WORLD BANK'S DECISION TO OFFER \$500 MILLION
IN LOANS
TO ALREADY INDEBTED COUNTRIES TO FIGHT HIV/AIDS;
- DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BORNE THE BRUNT OF THE
HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC BOTH IN TERMS OF INFECTIONS AND CARING FOR AND
SUPPORTING FAMILY MEMBERS;
- FURTHER CONCERNED THAT YOUNG WOMEN IN PARTICULAR ARE MORE
SUSCEPTIBLE
TO CONTRACTING HIV BECAUSE OF PATRIARCHAL ATTITUDES ABOUT FEMALE

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SEXUALITY, AND THIS IS COMPOUNDED BY THEIR BIOLOGICAL
VULNERABILITY TO
INFECTION;

- COGNIZANT THAT YOUNG PEOPLE MUST COMMIT THEMSELVES TO CHANGING
UNHEALTHY BEHAVIORS AND ASSUMING LEADERSHIP ROLES IN THE FIGHT
AGAINST
HIV/AIDS;

- OPTIMISTIC THAT LEADERS WILL NOW FINALLY BEGIN TO LISTEN, SPEAK OUT
AND TO ACT;

- WILLING TO WORK WITH LEADERS AT EVERY LEVEL, IN PARTNERSHIP AND
MUTUAL RESPECT TO TRIUMPH OVER HIV/AIDS AND BUILD A NEW AFRICA.

WE THE YOUNG PEOPLE REPRESENTED AT THE ADF 2000 CALL UPON LEADERS IN
AFRICA AT ALL LEVELS TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. PREVENTION

A) EVERY AFRICAN NATION MUST HAVE AN INTER-SECTORAL AIDS BUDGET
THAT IS

JOINTLY ADMINISTERED BY CIVIL SOCIETY AND GOVERNMENT. YOUNG
PEOPLE MUST
FORM A CRITICAL PART OF THE STRUCTURE THAT OVERSEES THIS FUND
AND MUST
HAVE FULL VOTING AND DECISION MAKING POWER.

B) THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM MUST CREATE A SPECIFIC AGENCY TO CHANNEL
FUNDS QUICKLY AND WITHOUT RED TAPE TO YOUNG PEOPLE FOR
INITIATIVES THAT
ARE DESIGNED AND MANAGED BY YOUTH. THIS AGENCY WILL BE COMMITTED TO
CONDUCTING ITS AFFAIRS IN A WAY THAT IS OPPOSED TO OPULENCE IN THE
MIDST OF POVERTY.

C) A TRIPARTITE PARTNERSHIP MUST BE ESTABLISHED AT COUNTRY LEVEL TO
ENSURE THAT GOVERNMENT, CIVIL SOCIETY, AND THE DONOR COMMUNITY
EFFECTIVELY COORDINATE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE FOCUSED ON YOUNG
PEOPLE AND
HIV/AIDS.

D) EACH GOVERNMENT MUST CREATE MECHANISMS FOR PURCHASING AND
DISTRIBUTING CONDOMS SO THAT PREVENTION EFFORTS THAT RELY ON CONDOMS
ARE SUSTAINABLE.

E) EACH GOVERNMENT MUST ENSURE THAT ALL NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE
IS IN
PLACE SO THAT YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO VOLUNTEER TESTING AND

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COUNSELING, INFORMATION EDUCATION ABOUT PREVENTION, AND CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THOSE OF US LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS. AFRICAN YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS MUST DEVELOP TOOLS FOR MONITORING NATIONAL EFFORTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST AIDS. IN PARTICULAR, A YOUTH CHECKLIST FOR GOVERNMENTS MUST BE FORMULATED TO ASSESS THE YOUTH- FRIENDLINESS OF GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMS ON HIV/AIDS.

2. TREATMENT

A) THE PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG MANUFACTURERS THAT PROFIT EXORBITANTLY FROM ILLNESS MUST BE CHALLENGED BY YOUNG AFRICANS IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR GOVERNMENTS AS THEY ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE LOWER PRICES AND ADVOCATE FOR THE USE OF GENERIC DRUGS.

B) YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD STRENGTHEN THEIR TREATMENT INITIATIVES BY PROMOTING GOOD NUTRITION AND POSITIVE LIVING.

C) POLICY MEASURES MUST BE PUT IN PLACE BY GOVERNMENTS TO ENSURE THAT PLHAS ARE NOT EXPLOITED FINANCIALLY BY COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS MAKING FALSE CLAIMS ABOUT TREATMENTS AND CURES.

3. CARE, SUPPORT, AND STIGMA

A) POLITICAL LEADERS SHOULD GOVERN BY EXAMPLE, ENSURING THAT THEY SPEAK OPENLY AND HONESTLY ABOUT HIV/AIDS.

B) YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD ESTABLISH A "MOVEMENT FOR ACCEPTANCE" THAT CALLS ATTENTION TO THE MARGINALIZATION OF PARTICULAR GROUPS OF YOUNG PEOPLE. IN PARTICULAR THIS MOVEMENT WILL FOCUS ON ACCESS TO SERVICES AND INFORMATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS, YOUNG WOMEN, AND YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN RURAL AREAS, YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN THE STREET, GAY AND LESBIAN YOUTH, YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGED IN SEX WORK, OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH, AND YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN CONFLICT ZONES.

4. CHALLENGING POVERTY

A) AFRICAN YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND STRUCTURES MUST BUILD ALLIANCES WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE CURRENTLY CHALLENGING THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF GLOBALIZATION AND PROTESTING MEETINGS HELD BY INTERNATIONAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS.

B) AFRICAN YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS MUST LOBBY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO ENSURE THAT LOANS TO AFRICA FOR AIDS ARE REJECTED OUTRIGHT.

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5. PARTICIPATION

A) YOUNG PEOPLE MUST PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN DECISION-MAKING FOR ALL NATIONAL AIDS STRATEGIES AND PLANS.

B) YOUNG PEOPLE MUST BE REPRESENTED AT ALL LEVELS OF AIDS PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING AT BOTH A COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT LEVEL.

C) YOUNG PEOPLE'S CAPACITY TO MANAGE EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS MUST BE BOLSTERED BY POLICY AND LEGAL ENVIRONMENTS THAT ALLOW US TO SEEK TRAINING, MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS AND BUILD STRONG ORGANIZATIONS AND STRUCTURES.

ADOPTING THE CONSENSUS AND ACTION PLAN

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CHAIR: MS CAROL BELLAMY, UNICEF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

PANEL: HEAD OF UN AGENCIES AND SELECTED STAKEHOLDERS REPRESENTATIVES

1.0 OPENING REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

MS. BELLAMY POINTED OUT THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE SESSION IS TO ADOPT THE CONSENSUS DOCUMENT. SHE STRESSED THAT DISCUSSION SHOULD FOCUS ON ACTION

TO BE TAKEN AFTER THE CONFERENCE. SHE THEN LED THE DELEGATES IN ADOPTING THE CONSENSUS DOCUMENT AND THEN FACILITATED A DISCUSSION FOCUSING ON IMPLEMENTING THE CONSENSUS. SHE ALSO NOTED THAT THERE ARE SOME MEETINGS COMING UP WHICH SHOULD BE USED TO MONITOR PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE ACTIONS. THESE INCLUDE:

--SPECIAL MEETING OF HEADS OF STATE IN ABUJA, 25-27 APRIL 2001;

-- OAU ANNUAL SUMMIT, LUSAKA, JULY 2001

-- UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL SESSION ON HIV/AIDS JUNE 2001

-- UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL SESSION ON CHILDREN, SEPTEMBER 2001

2.0 PRESENTATIONS BY FOCUS GROUP/STAKEHOLDERS

STATEMENT BY PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS (PLHA) FOCUS GROUP

1. PLHA MUST BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF IMPLEMENTING THE CONSENSUS DOCUMENT

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AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL, WE UNDERTAKE TO PUT PRESSURE ON HEADS OF STATES
TO BE UPDATED AND BRIEFED ON THE RESULTS AND FOLLOW UP OF ADF. WE
WILL
ALSO URGE ALL HEADS OF STATES TO ATTEND ABUJA.

-- WE UNDERTAKE TO PUT PRESSURE ON OUR GOVERNMENTS TO DECLARE AIDS A
NATIONAL DISASTER IN ALL COUNTRIES IN AFRICA.

-- WE WILL DEMAND PLHA PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATION IN ALL AFRICAN
COUNTRIES.

2. SET UP MECHANISMS TO TRANSFER EXISTING SKILLS AND BEST PRACTICES
FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY.

-- WE WILL UNDERTAKE EXCHANGE AND SUPPORT VISITS AT HIGHEST LEVEL
WITH
MAXIMUM MEDIA EXPOSURE FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY IN ORDER TO EXPRESS
OUR
ISSUES AND DEMANDS.

-- WE WILL SET UP A SPEAKERS AND SKILLS BUREAU OF PLHA FOR THE AFRICA
REGION.

-- WE DEMAND THAT THE CONSENSUS PARTNERS SUPPORT THESE
REPRESENTATIVES
MEDICALLY, FINANCIALLY AND POLITICALLY, IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE
THEY CAN
CONTINUE THEIR WORK AND FACILITATE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN ALL THE KEY
MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN 2001, STARTING FROM ABUJA.

3. SET UP MONITORING, DOCUMENTATION AND REPORT MECHANISMS FROM
COUNTRY
TO COUNTRY AND IN THE AFRICAN REGION (USE ONE COUNTRY TO MONITOR
ANOTHER).

-- WE WILL PREPARE A FULL REPORT AND LIST OUR DEMANDS, REACHED BY
REGIONAL CONSENSUS, FOR ABUJA.

-- WE WILL NOMINATE ACCEPTABLE LEADERS FROM AMONGST THE EXISTING
NETWORKS AND BRING TOGETHER REPRESENTATION OF THESE NETWORKS TO AN
ORGANIZING/ADVISORY/PRESSURE COMMITTEE WHICH WILL MEET NOT LATER THAN
FEBRUARY 2001.

-- WE WILL INITIATE AN ON-LINE CONSULTATION WITH ALL PLHA GROUPS TO
REACH CONSENSUS.

STATEMENT BY YOUTH FOCUS GROUP

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ACKNOWLEDGE THE CHALLENGES PUT FORWARD TO THE YOUTH GROUP AND WILL REQUIRE SUPPORT TO DO THEIR PART. THE YOUTH AGAINST AIDS NETWORK (YAAN) HAS BEEN STARTED AND NEEDS TO BE STRENGTHENED. YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE SUPPORTED IN DEBRIEFING AND CONTINUING WITH THE AGREED ACTIONS. PROPOSED A YOUTH FORUM TO PLAN ON FURTHER ACTION.

STATEMENT BY GENDER FOCUS GROUP

AS A MATTER OF SCALING UP AND MOVING FORWARD, WOULD LIKE TO SEE EVERY COUNTRY MAKE AVAILABLE TREATMENT TO HIV INFECTED PREGNANT AND NURSING MOTHERS TO PREVENT NEW INFECTIONS INCORPORATING FULL DRUG REGIMES AND COUNSELING. GOVERNMENTS MUST ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF THE FEMALE CONDOM AND ACCESS TO IT. CONCRETE STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO DIRECTLY INVOLVE MEN IN THE CAMPAIGN "MEN MAKE A DIFFERENCE." AT LEAST 50% OF PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES LEADING UP TO ABUJA SHOULD INVOLVE WOMEN.

STATEMENT BY RELIGIOUS FOCUS GROUP

RELIGIOUS LEADERS SHOULD BE SEEN AS FULL PARTNERS AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM. MORAL EDUCATION SHOULD BE INTRODUCED INTO THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. GOVERNMENTS SHOULD WORK WITH RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES. RELIGIOUS LEADERS SHOULD SET A GOOD EXAMPLE. PLHAS SHOULD BE TREATED WITH ACCEPTANCE.

INTER-FAITH COUNCILS SHOULD BE SET UP TO DEAL WITH HIV/AIDS.

UNAIDS SHOULD SET UP A RELIGIOUS DESK WITH AFRICAN REPRESENTATION. WITH ECA AND OTHER AGENCIES, IT SHOULD CONVENE A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE ROLE OF THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY IN FIGHTING HIV/AIDS.

STATEMENT BY CIVIL SOCIETY FOCUS GROUP

THERE IS A NEED TO FOCUS ON THE FIGHT AGAINST AIDS AT THE WORKPLACE THROUGH COLLABORATION WITH EMPLOYERS UNIONS AND GOVERNMENTS. WOULD LIKE TRADE UNIONS TO BE REFLECTED AS ONE OF THE STAKEHOLDERS BY THE ECA IN FUTURE. TRADE UNIONS WILL BE INVOLVED IN CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OF WORKERS ON ISSUES RELATING TO HIV/AIDS.

STATEMENTS BY STAKEHOLDERS AND PARTNERS ON HOW THEY WILL IMPLEMENT THE ADOPTED CONSENSUS AND ACTION PLAN
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STATEMENT BY DR NAFIS SADIQ, UNFPA

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OUR MOST POTENT WEAPON IS PREVENTION OF HIV/AIDS - WE DON'T WANT MORE INFECTIONS. UNFPA WILL SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE ACTION AND DIALOGUE. THE IMPORTANCE OF REPRODUCTIVE AND SEXUAL HEALTH AWARENESS MESSAGES FOR ALL, PARTICULARLY YOUNG PEOPLE. NEED TO REFORM HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO BECOME MORE RESPONSIVE TO YOUNG PEOPLE'S NEEDS THROUGH INCLUDING THEM IN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF HEALTH PROGRAMS. THE STATUS OF WOMEN IS CRUCIAL. POLITICAL LEADERS CAN HELP EXPOSE GENDER INEQUITY, DECONSTRUCTING MYTHS OF MASCULINITY AND DISCOURAGING HARMFUL TRADITIONAL PRACTICES.

WHAT UNFPA WILL DO:

WILL CONTINUE TO ADDRESS HIV/AIDS ISSUES THROUGH:

- ADVOCACY AT ALL LEVELS;
- ATTENTION TO ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE AS A PRIORITY TARGET GROUP
- SCALING UP HIV/AIDS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND INCREASING CAPACITY FOR DELIVERING THESE SERVICES;
- THE SUPPLY OF MALE AND FEMALE CONDOMS AND SOCIAL MARKETING AND INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT; AND
- INCREASING STAFF RESOURCES WITHIN THE AGENCY. 75% OF UNFPA RESOURCES

ARE SPENT ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROGRAMS, INCLUDING HIV/AIDS.

DR NAFIS SADIK MADE AN OBSERVATION TO THE EFFECT THAT COUNTRIES SHOULD DIVERT SOME OF THEIR RESOURCES SPENT ON THE MILITARY TO COMBAT HIV/AIDS

STATEMENT BY DR. IBRAHIM SAMBA, WHO

- WILL INCREASE THE TECHNICAL STAFF NUMBERS AT COUNTRY AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR HIV/AIDS.
- WILL INCREASE FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS USING GRANTS - NOT LOANS - FROM VARIOUS AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE WORLD BANK.
- WILL SCALE UP SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCES OF TREATMENT BY TRADITIONAL HEALERS.

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-- WILL MAKE SURE THAT ALL AFRICAN COUNTRY OFFICES WILL GET COPIES OF THE CONSENSUS DOCUMENT.

-- FOLLOW UP ACTIONS WILL BE PRESENTED AT ABUJA.

STATEMENT BY MS BELLAMY, UNICEF

-- WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON PREVENTION --SCHOOLS WILL REMAIN AN IMPORTANT FOCUS.

-- WILL CONTINUE WORK TO PREVENT MOTHER TO CHILD TRANSMISSION.

-- WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON ORPHANS.

STATEMENT BY DR. PETER PIOT, UNAIDS

DR PIOT NOTED NEED TO WORK TOWARDS A GLOBAL SOCIAL MOBILIZATION THAT DOES NOT PRESENT AIDS ONLY AS AN AFRICAN PROBLEM. THE RESULTS OF THIS FORUM WILL BE CRUCIAL IN THIS AS IT CALLS ON ALL SECTORS TO WORK TOGETHER. THERE IS A NEED FOR SCALING-UP AND DECENTRALIZATION OF ACTIVITIES AT ALL LEVELS.

SPECIFIC ISSUES FOR UNAIDS:

-- RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND MONITORING; RESOURCE BASE NEEDS TO BE BROADENED.

-- NEED TO CLEARLY ARTICULATE THE COSTS AND IDENTIFY THE GAPS - A GOAL

FOR 2001.

-- LOOK FOR COMBINATIONS OF RESOURCES, BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC.

-- IMPROVE MECHANISMS FOR CHANNELING THE FUNDS TO THE COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.

-- ASSIST GOVERNMENTS IN STRENGTHENING THEIR NATIONAL AIDS BODIES AND STRUCTURES.

-- IMPROVE INFORMATION DISSEMINATION - E.G. ON DRUGS.

-- STRONG INVESTMENT IN PREVENTION SHOULD CONTINUE, AND THERE SHOULD BE A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH, NOT JUST ANTIRETROVIRAL DRUGS.

-- NEED FOR MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL BEHAVIORAL CHANGE - MAKING THEM MORE AIDS SENSITIVE.

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-- NEED TO ADDRESS ACCESS TO CARE AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION ISSUES.

-- NEED TO DO BETTER HOMEWORK IN ADDRESSING THE KEY ISSUES.

IN CONCLUSION, DR. PIOT NOTED THAT ADF2000 WAS NOT THE USUAL AIDS MEETING - IT WAS A COMPREHENSIVE MIX OF VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS. THE UPCOMING MEETINGS/SUMMITS WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO PUSH CERTAIN AGENDA AT COUNTRY LEVEL, AND A MECHANISM FOR ACCOUNTABILITY OF ALL SECTORS. HE HOWEVER MADE THE OBSERVATION THAT SUMMITS SHOULD NOT CONSUME ALL OUR ENERGIES.

STATEMENT BY THE WORLD BANK

-- THE WORLD BANK WILL BE SCALING-UP ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC IN AFRICA COUNTRIES.

-- THE BANK WILL JOIN THE CAMPAIGN FOR AFFORDABLE TREATMENT FOR HIV/AIDS PATIENTS.

-- WILL ASSIST MEMBER COUNTRIES IN AFRICA IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE PANDEMIC AND WILL INTENSIFY ITS HIV/AIDS CAMPAIGN AT ALL LEVELS.

-- THE WORLD BANK WILL NOT MAKE A COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING GRANTS INSTEAD OF LOANS TO FIGHT THE HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC IN MEMBER COUNTRIES IN AFRICA.

STATEMENT BY MR. ALASANE DIOP, ILO

-- THERE IS NEED TO PUT TOGETHER, WITH UNICEF, A PROGRAM ADDRESSING ORPHANS AND MIGRANT WORKERS.

-- ILO HOPES TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH VARIOUS AGENCIES, INCLUDING WHO.

COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

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ZIMBABWE: HAPPY THAT TRADITIONAL HEALERS HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED IN THE FORUM AND IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT.

UGANDA: ON THE AGENDA - WOULD HAVE LIKED TO SEE A PLEDGE ON LEADERSHIP FROM THE HEADS OF STATE. THERE IS NEED FOR CLEAR REFERENCES TO ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY. WE SHOULD HAVE VALUE FOR MONEY AUDITS TARGETING THOSE THAT HAVE RECEIVED FUNDING.

GABON: CONSENSUS SHOULD BE LOOKED AT AS A COLLABORATIVE WORK

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. NEED TO
LOOK AT HIV/AIDS DRUGS PRICE REDUCTION AS AN ECONOMIC NOT A POLITICAL
ISSUE. NEED TO LOOK AT WAYS TO REDUCE THE COST OF PRODUCTION OF
THESE
DRUGS --- WHICH
COULD THEN TRANSLATE INTO LOWERING RETAIL PRICES. SUGGESTED THAT THIS
ISSUE SHOULD BE TAKEN UP AT ABUJA AND ECA COULD PLAY A LEAD ROLE ON
THIS.

SWAZILAND: TRADITIONAL HEALERS GLAD THAT THEY ARE RECOGNIZED
AS ONE OF
THE STAKEHOLDERS. EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO MOBILIZE TRADITIONA
L HEALERS
IN ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO
LOOK AT WAYS OF MOVING THE PROCESS FORWARD IN AREA LIKE
TRAINING AND IMPROVING STANDARDS OF TREATMENT FOR HIV/AIDS PATIENTS.
ALSO A CONTINENTAL NETWORK WILL BE SET-UP WHICH WILL OPERATE AT A
FOCUS
GROUP LEVEL IN THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

TUNISIA: THERE IS A NEED FOR A SPECIAL FOCUS ON SOUTH-SOUTH
COOPERATION TO SHARE EXPERIENCE AS PART OF IMPLEMENTING THE CONSENSUS
DOCUMENT AND THE PLAN OF ACTION.

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