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Trinational Luncheon: Update on Joint Initiatives on HIV Affected Families

June 28, 1998
Noga Hilton Geneva
Geneva, Switzerland
12 noon - 2 p.m.

AGENDA

12 noon

Welcome

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12:10 p.m.

Remarks

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*Patricia Uribe, M.D.
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12:25 p.m.

Introduction of Participants

Overview of Binational Initiatives

HIV Palliative Care
HIV Rehabilitation
Mexican Immigrants in New York City

Overview of Trinational Initiatives

*Gerry Bally, M.D.
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12:50 p.m. Interactive E-mail

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1:05 p.m. Declaration of Rights of People Living with HIV

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1:25 p.m. Women's Issues

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1:40 p.m. Trinational Meeting on Drug Cooperation

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Mark Harrington

Treatment Action Group

Mike Shriver

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Special Statement on Mexican Drug Approval Process

Patricia Uribe, M.D.

Status of Trinational Meeting on Drug Cooperation

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1:50 p.m. International Perspectives

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International Perspective

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2:00 p.m. Closing Remarks

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**Trinational Satellite Symposia
Innovative Partnerships in Education and Care:
Health Professionals and People Living With HIV**

**Sponsored by the
Governments of Canada, the United States and Mexico**

Session I: • Concurrent Sessions on HIV and Women, Persons Living with HIV, and International issues.

Time and Date: Monday, July 8, 1996 (19H00 to 21H30)

Location: Ballrooms, Vancouver Renaissance Hotel
1133 West Hastings St., Vancouver

Symposia Services: • Refreshments and light food
• English/French/Spanish Interpretation

Symposia Highlights: • dramatizations, videos and role plays, including Actor/Comedian Greg Malone of the comedy troupe, CODCO
• training providers to counsel and care for HIV+ women, including decreasing the rate of perinatal HIV transmission
• learning to help HIV-affected families face the future
• learning about HIV and migrant health

Session II: • Resource Fair, featuring opportunities to speak with authors of resources and experts from the three countries
• Concurrent Sessions on HIV and Mental Health and Successful Partnerships

Time and Date: Tuesday, July 9, 1996 (19H00 to 21H30)

Location: Ballrooms, Vancouver Renaissance Hotel
1133 West Hastings St., Vancouver

Symposia Services: • Refreshments and light food
• English/French/Spanish Interpretation

Symposia Highlights: • many free educational resources in English, French or Spanish
• learn about issues related to HIV and Mental Health
• listen to a round table of experts on Protease Inhibitors, including access issues
• learn about innovative information dissemination systems, such as the Network and the AIDS Clearinghouses



**Colloque satellite tripartite
Partenariats innovateurs réunissant des professionnels
de la santé et des personnes vivant avec le VIH
pour l'éducation et les soins**

Parrainé par les gouvernements du Canada, des États-Unis et du Mexique

- Première séance :**
- Séance parallèle : Les femmes et le VIH; Les personnes vivant avec le VIH; et La situation à l'échelle internationale
- Date et heure :** Le lundi 8 juillet 1996 (19 h - 21 h 30)
- Lieu :** Salles de bal, Vancouver Renaissance Hotel
1133 West Hastings St., Vancouver
- Services offerts :**
- Raftaichissements et goûters
 - Service d'interprétation simultanée en anglais, en français et en espagnol
- Faits saillants :**
- jeux de rôles, dramatiques et vidéos présentés par des professionnels et des acteurs, dont l'acteur/comédien Greg Malone de la troupe CODCO
 - exercice de développement des compétences requises pour répondre aux besoins des femmes en rapport avec le VIH, en ce qui a trait notamment à la lutte contre la transmission périnatale du VIH
 - comment aider les familles aux prises avec le VIH à faire face à leur avenir
 - VIH et santé des populations migrantes
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- Deuxième séance :**
- Exposition, au cours de laquelle les participants pourront discuter avec les auteurs et d'autres experts des trois pays
 - Séance parallèle : Le VIH et la santé mentale; et Les partenariats efficaces
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- Faits saillants :**
- nombreuses ressources éducatives gratuites en anglais, en français et en espagnol
 - possibilité de se renseigner sur les liens entre le VIH et la santé mentale
 - table ronde d'experts sur les inhibiteurs de la protéase, y compris sur la question de l'accès
 - information sur les systèmes innovateurs de diffusion de l'information (Réseau et Centres d'information sur la sida, par exemple)



Simposio Satélite Trinacional ALIANZA INNOVADORA EN EDUCACIÓN Y ATENCIÓN ENTRE PROFESIONALES DE LA SALUD Y PERSONAS QUE VIVEN CON VIH/SIDA

**AUSPICIADO POR LOS GOBIERNOS DE
CANADÁ, ESTADOS UNIDOS Y MÉXICO**

- SESION 1:**
- Sesiones simultáneas sobre Mujer y VIH, Personas que Viven con VIH/SIDA e Internacional
- HORARIO Y FECHA:** Jueves 8 de julio de 19:00 a 21:30 horas
- LUGAR:** Salones del Hotel Vancouver Renaissance
1133 West Hastings St., Vancouver
- SERVICIOS:**
- Refrescos y bocadillos
 - Interpretación simultánea al inglés, francés y español
- PUNTOS DE INTERÉS:**
- Dramatizaciones, videos y actuaciones incluyendo al actor Greg Malone de la troupe, CODCO
 - Capacitadores para consejería y atención a mujeres seropositivas incluyendo "disminuyendo el riesgo de la transmisión del VIH por vía Perinatal"
 - Aprendiendo a ayudar a las familias afectadas por el VIH/SIDA a enfrentar el futuro
 - Migración y SIDA
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- SESION 2:**
- Feria de materiales, con la posibilidad de hablar con los autores de éstos y expertos de los tres países
 - Sesiones simultáneas sobre Salud Mental y VIH/SIDA y Alianzas Exitosas
- HORARIO Y FECHA:** Miércoles 9 de julio de 1996 de 19:00 a 21:30 horas
- LUGAR:** Salones del Holet Vancouver Renaissance
1133 West Hastings St., Vancouver
- SERVICIOS:**
- Refrescos y bocadillos
 - Interpretación simultánea al inglés, francés y español
- PUNTOS DE INTERÉS:**
- Mucho material educativo gratis en inglés, francés y español
 - Conocer sobre el tema de Salud Mental y VIH/SIDA
 - Mesa redonda sobre inhibidores de proteasa, incluyendo temas de acceso
 - Conocer sobre sistemas de diseminación de información innovadores tales como la RED, sistema de información para personas que viven con VIH/SIDA

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1997-1998 Materials

Trinational Collaboration on HIV Affected Families

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Trinational Collaboration on HIV Affected Families

Trinational Activities

U.S., Canada, and Mexico
June 1998

FRAMEWORK AND TIMELINE FOR TRINATIONAL ACTIVITIES ON HIV AFFECTED FAMILIES (August 1996 - July 1998)

GOVERNMENT PLEDGE AT THE XI INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE (July 1996)

The three governments promised implementation of the Joint Declaration through a series of activities related to the shared priority of HIV affected families. Specifically: 1) share experiences; 2) share information, on innovative approaches, best practices, and new initiatives; and 3) increase collaborative efforts.

Government officials assured representatives of PLWHIV/AIDS that they would participate fully in follow up activities.

- **ACTIVITY 1: OHAP (U.S.), CTSP (CANADA), CONASIDA (MEXICO) PLANNING (August 1996- March 1997)**

Development and Implementation of Joint Meeting in Mexico (February 1997)

Development and Signing of Joint Implementation Agreement (March 1997)
- **ACTIVITY 2: INCORPORATION OF INPUT FROM PLWHIV/AIDS**

Development of questionnaire : 1) HIV/AIDS issues common to the three countries that would form the basis for joint initiatives; 2) concerns regarding treatments (including protease inhibitors); 3) suggestions for improving government-PLWHIV/AIDS and PLWHIV/AIDS- PLWHIV/AIDS information sharing; and 4) suggestions for the agenda of a future meeting. (April -June 1997)
PLWHIV/AIDS respond, Data analysis and Development of the Report on Responses to the questionnaire (July -August 1997)
- **ACTIVITY 3: TRINATIONAL WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPING JOINT INITIATIVES (September 1997)**

Three working sessions: 1) Treatments; 2) Care and Support; and 3) Women and Children. Consumers lead sessions.

Six joint initiatives on HIV affected families selected.
- **ACTIVITY 4: IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT INITIATIVES
(November 1997- June 1998)**

Formation of Work Group and Work Assignments (October 1997)

Report on Workshop (December 1997)

Discussions with UNAIDS and PAHO (February - May 1998)

Discussion ons with regulatory agencies on drug approval process (February - May 1998); Fall 1998 meeting

Interactive E-mail begins as pilot (April 1998); Official launch (June 1998)

Meeting in Mexico to develop first draft of Declaration of Rights (April 1998)

Individual and Organizational Women Mentorship Projects (Development by May 1998)
- **ACTIVITY 5: PRESENTATIONS AT THE 12th WORLD AIDS CONFERENCE (July 1998)**

Representatives of PLHIV/AIDS and government officials Working Session on June 27

June 28, 1998
Luncheon (12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.) North American Representatives of PLHIV/AIDS and Government Officials, UNAIDS, PAHO, ICASO, and GNP+ Representatives

2. Incorporation of Input of Persons Living With HIV on Joint Initiatives

Trinational Collaboration on HIV Affected Families

TRINATIONAL WORKSHOP

Developing Joint Initiatives on HIV Affected Families

Summary of the Report on the Responses to the Questionnaire on Issues and Joint Initiatives Related to HIV Affected Families

1.0 Major Issues

1.1 Treatments

- **ACCESS AND COST**
 - High costs significant barrier to access
 - Issue needs to be addressed globally
 - Governments and drug companies need to find ways to lower prices
 - Inadequate access to individual therapies
- **DRUG APPROVAL PROCESS**
 - Process too slow
 - Needs to be standardized
 - Need to balance expedient access with proper evaluation
 - Compassionate access needs to be approved, standardized and regulated
- **PROTEASE INHIBITORS**
 - Opinions divided:
Need more experience
vs.
Dramatic impact: Need to deal with new issues like return to work

1.2 Care and Support & Other

- HEALTH CARE
 - Inadequate access
- RETURN TO WORK
 - Need for education and counselling
 - Issues around insurance
- HUMAN RIGHTS
 - Restrictions on movement of persons living with HIV/AIDS across borders
 - Need to protect human rights in an international context
 - Need to address poverty, violence and gender gap in the context of human rights
- ROLE OF PERSONS LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS
 - Need more involvement in decision-making and providing advice
 - Must be more than rubber stamping

1.3 Women and Children

- SOCIETAL ISSUES
 - Power imbalances
 - Vulnerability and social isolation of women
- CARE AND SUPPORT
 - Failure to recognize women are at risk

- Need for better services for HIV+ pregnant women
- Need for better services for HIV+ mothers

- RESEARCH

- Need for research specific to women: medical and social

2.0 Proposed Initiatives

** = Proposed by more than one or two participants*

2.1 Treatments

- ACCESS AND COST
 - Increase funding
 - international program for drug donations
 - redirect some drug company profits
 - obtain funds from the private sector
 - Conduct research to demonstrate cost effectiveness of combination therapies
 - Consolidate and apply standards of care
 - Standardize regulations for complementary therapies to improve availability
- DRUG APPROVAL PROCESS
 - *Standardize
- TREATMENT INFORMATION
 - Improve access
- RESEARCH
 - Develop a coordinated, international plan

2.2 Care and Support & Other

- RETURN TO WORK
 - *Create opportunities for information exchange
 - Adapt materials for use in Mexico
 - Address return-to-work issues
- HUMAN RIGHTS
 - Develop a human rights network
 - Develop mechanism to allow people to share experiences
 - Discuss human rights protection and promotion in international policy arena
- HOUSING
 - *Exchange information
- VIOLENCE
 - *Create opportunities for information exchange
 - *Conduct educational programs
 - Document instances, analyze them and develop recommendations
 - Study links between vulnerability and failure to protect minorities
- RESEARCH
 - Conduct behavioral and intervention studies.
 - Expand U.S. HIV Cost Services Utilization Survey to Canada and Mexico.
 - Study how variances in gender, sexual identity and social identity impact the family
 - Obtain more information on:
 - living situation of PLWHIV/AIDS

- role of families in care of PLWHIV/AIDS
- respite care
- hospice and housing issues
- medical and food costs
- post-diagnosis violence
- dependent children

- NETWORKING AND INFORMATION SHARING

- *Allocate resources to create, develop and strengthen networks of PLWHIV/AIDS
- *Improve communications and dialogue between governments and PLWHIV/AIDS
- *Make better use of the Internet
- Create opportunities to share experiences
 - organize meetings and conferences
 - use existing meetings and conferences
- Create opportunities for PLWHIV/AIDS to network with researchers, physicians, drug company representatives, academics
- Exchange information and educational materials
- Share information on how to get the private sector more involved

- PREVENTION

- Share information about how prevention strategies are working in each country.

- INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Identify U.S. and Canadian funding agencies interested in starting programs in Mexico.

3. 1997 Workshop (Washington, DC):

Developing Joint Initiatives

Trinational Collaboration on HIV Affected Families

3.a. Executive Summary

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Representatives of people living with HIV and representatives of the federal HIV/AIDS units from the United States, Canada and Mexico met for two days on September 22-23, 1997 in Washington, D.C. at the *Trinational Workshop on Developing Joint Initiatives on HIV Affected Families*

The workshop was conducted in English and Spanish. French was not used because none of the participants had French as a mother tongue.

The main objective of the workshop was to develop a consensus among the representatives of people living with HIV on joint initiatives to be implemented in all three countries.

Space was provided for participants to display materials from their organizations. As well, at the opening plenary, participants shared information about their organizations and their expectations for the workshop.

Most of the first day of the workshop was devoted to three working sessions – one for each of three topic areas: **Treatments; Care, Support and Other Issues;** and **Women and Children** – where participants discussed current activities which could form the basis of potential joint initiatives, and then proceeded to develop a list of potential joint initiatives.

The working sessions consisted of a combination of plenaries and small group discussions. On the morning of the second day, the participants met in national delegations to narrow down and prioritize the list of proposed joint initiatives.

Participants agreed on a set of criteria for the selection of joint initiatives. The criteria stated that the joint initiatives should:

- have a positive impact on HIV affected families;
- involve the sharing of information and experiences;
- include specific, practical and achievable objectives or deliverables;
- be based on existing activities;
- involve a partnership between people living with HIV and government HIV/AIDS agencies, or include activities by people living with HIV that are relevant to the government HIV/AIDS agencies; and
- be completed (in whole or in part) within one year.

For a complete list of the criteria, see the section of this report entitled *Criteria for the Selection of Joint Initiatives*.

At the final plenary, participants reached a consensus on six priority joint initiatives. The initiatives are as follows:

1. THE INTERNET PROJECT – INFORMATION SHARING

- A. Establish an interactive e-mail list for the exchange of information from both governments and community organizations.
- B. Provide computer equipment to allow representatives of people living with HIV who participated in this process to hook up to e-mail.

2. TRINATIONAL MEETING – DRUG APPROVAL PROCESS

Begin harmonization of drug approval process for HIV/AIDS drugs by convening a meeting of drug regulators, consumers, researchers and pharmaceutical company representatives from all three countries.

3. BUILDING SKILLS

- A. Provide financial support to enable representatives of people living with HIV to attend meetings and conferences.
- B. Conduct train-the-trainer programs.
- C. Develop an inventory of materials currently available.
- D. Disseminate existing materials.

4. COST EFFECTIVENESS OF TREATMENT REGIMENS

- A. Collect existing published and unpublished cost-effectiveness data on current treatment regimens. (Costs include economic, political and human dimensions.)
- B. Disseminate the information.

5. WOMEN'S ISSUES – INFORMATION SHARING AND SKILLS BUILDING

- A. Include information specific to women (e.g., treatment for women, prevention information for women, women's rights) on Internet resources.
- B. Explore other opportunities to build skills (e.g., by adding a track to an existing conference related to women and children).

6. DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS

Develop a declaration of the human rights of persons living with HIV appropriate for the United States, Mexico and Canada.

- A. Analyze of principles contained in existing North American and international declarations.
- B. Compose a draft document.
- C. Review, revise and endorse document.

Participants then developed a list of work assignments and follow-up activities designed to launch the joint initiatives

TRINATIONAL WORKSHOP
Developing Joint Initiatives on HIV Affected Families

CRITERIA

Each of the joint initiatives developed at this Workshop should fulfill as many of the following criteria as possible:

- Impact HIV affected families in a positive manner (in some way that can be stated).
- Meet one or more of the goals specified in the Joint Declaration; i.e., share information, share experience and best practices, and increase collaboration.
- Appropriate for all three countries.
- Appropriate for limited PLWHIV, OHAP, CTSP, and CONASIDA resources (personnel and financial).
- Include specific objectives, and/or deliverables; i.e., practical and achievable.
- Include existing activities of participants and/or invited experts, as presented at this Workshop.
- Involve a partnership between PLWHIV/AIDS and OHAP, CTSP, and CONASIDA; or involve activities by PLWHIV/AIDS of relevance to the purview of OHAP, CTSP, and CONASIDA.
- Complete (in whole or part) within the next year.

JOINT INITIATIVES

Participants met in plenary session to identify priority joint initiatives from the recommendations that emerged from the working and in-country sessions. Six priority joint initiatives were identified. The initiatives meet most of the criteria established at the beginning of the workshop. All will be completed in whole or in part over the next year. The six initiatives are listed below. The order used in the listing does not imply a priority ranking of any kind. Considerable efforts will be expended to ensure that the agenda moves forward on all six initiatives.

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Initiative #6 – A draft of the joint Declaration of Rights of Persons Living with HIV is scheduled to be completed by July 3, 1998. Dr. Saavedra, of the Mexican delegation, indicated that he will look into the possibility of hosting a trilateral meeting in Mexico in Spring 1998 to work on the development of the draft declaration.

Participants were also informed of proposals to organize events at the 12th World Conference on AIDS in Geneva (June 28 - July 3, 1997) that will focus on the progress in the development of the joint initiatives that resulted from the Trilateral Workshop.

4. 1998 Workshop (Mexico City): Developing the Declaration of Rights

Trinational Collaboration on HIV Affected Families

4.a. Executive Summary

4.b. Draft Preamble (as of 6/18/98)

4.c: Draft Statements of Rights of Persons Living With HIV (as of 6/18/98)

1998 Workshop (Mexico): EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The third meeting of the collaboration between representatives of people living with HIV and representatives of federal HIV/AIDS units from Mexico, the United States and Canada was held in Mexico City, Mexico, from April 1-3, 1998. The primary purpose of this workshop was to prepare a draft of the Trinational Declaration of Rights of People Living with HIV, one of the six joint initiatives that form part of the trinational project on HIV affected families. Another objective of the workshop was to update participants on the progress of the other five joint initiatives and to outline the next steps for these initiatives.

The two international organizations that were represented at the first meeting of this collaboration in Vancouver, Canada in July 1996 – the International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO) and the Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+) – were represented at the workshop in Mexico City by Richard Burzynski and Omar Pérez, respectively. Both individuals contributed their special insights to the discussions.

The declaration is primarily intended to serve as a document prepared by and for the representatives of people living with HIV who have participated in the trinational process. In addition, the responses of government officials from the three countries to the draft of the declaration will be determined in the coming months.

Participants agreed that a trinational declaration could be crafted that would be different from existing declarations and that could be useful in advancing the rights of people living with HIV, particularly in Mexico.

Several existing declarations of rights and related background documents were used to form the basis of the trinational declaration. The following is a list of these declarations and documents:

- Australian Declaration of Rights
- Canadian Declaration of Rights for Persons with HIV Disease
- Constitución Política de Los Estados Unidos Mexicanos
- The Cuicuilco Declaration
- The Denver Principles
- The Havana Declaration
- International Guidelines on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights
- Le manifesto de Montréal/The Montreal Manifesto
- National Book on Human Rights of People Living with HIV (Mexico)
- National Commission on Human Rights Declaration on Discrimination on HIV/AIDS in Mexico
- Norma Oficial Mexicana para la Prevención y Control des la Infección por Virus de la Inmunodeficiencia Humana – NOM-010-SSA-1993 – Mexico, 1995
- Paris AIDS Summit Declaration
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Participants agreed that the declaration should include:

- a Preamble;
- the Statements of Rights; and
- a Rationale

They also agreed that recommendations for the implementation of the declaration should be developed and offered for consideration.

The first drafts of the texts for the Preamble and Statements of Rights section of the declaration were developed at the workshop. In addition, items for inclusion in the Rationale section of the declaration were also identified during the workshop; and recommendations (also referred to as “calls upon governments”) to accompany the declaration were also identified.

Representatives of people living with HIV will work on all aspects of the document in the ensuing months.

On the last day of the workshop, updates were provided on the other five joint initiatives, and the next steps were developed for each of them. The following is a summary of the updates and next steps:

Internet Project

UPDATE:

- The interactive e-mail list should be operational on a pilot basis in April 1998.
- An official launch will be held in May or June 1998.
- One of the first items to be included on the e-mail list will be the draft text for the Trinational Declaration of Rights of People Living with HIV.
- A web site will be established specifically for women’s issues.
- Steps are being taken to secure five computers for organizations of persons living with HIV in Mexico.

NEXT STEPS:

- Promote the use of the e-mail list among all participants in the trinational meetings.
- Suzanne Desbiens indicated that she can work on the design of a logo for the e-mail list if one is required.

Drug Approval Process

UPDATE:

- Community-based organizations in Canada and Mexico are continuing to advocate for changes in the drug approval process in their respective countries.
- Canadian drug regulators are exploring ways to achieve greater collaboration among a number of countries.

- Results are expected shortly from a third study at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, in Canada.

NEXT STEPS:

- Continue to collect the information.
- Assemble the information in one place, and make it available on the Internet.

Women's Issues

UPDATE:

For the information sharing component:

- There will be a column in Critical Path's quarterly newsletter on women's issues.
- E-mail materials will be made available in English, French and Spanish, and a web site will be established for women's issues, as part of the Internet Project.
- In the United States, materials on women's issues are currently being gathered in English, French and Spanish.
- A directory of resources on women's issues available in French and Créole in Canada has been compiled. A similar directory for Canadian resources available in English is being assembled.
- Plans are underway to gather information on materials on women's issues available in Spanish in Mexico.

For the skills building component:

- Work has only just started on the skills building component of this initiative. It will include mentorship programs for individual women and for women's organizations, beginning with U.S. projects.

NEXT STEPS:

- The resource directories are to be forwarded to Kathy Santos.
- Kathy will arrange for the directories to be uploaded to the women's issues web site.
- Copies of the actual resources should also be sent to Kathy Santos. Where possible, these will also be uploaded to the women's web site.
- Criteria are to be developed for the selection of individuals and organizations to take part in the mentorship activities.

DRAFT

**Preamble and Statements of Rights Sections of the
Trinational Declaration of Rights of People Living With HIV**
May 15, 1998

This document contains draft texts for the Preamble and Statements of Rights section of the Trinational Declaration of Rights of People Living with HIV, as compiled by David Garmaise based on his notes from the meeting in Mexico City April 1-3, 1998.

Draft Text for the Preamble

The following text was drafted during the meeting. Please note that this is not the final text of this section of the declaration.

Background

Previously, on July 9, 1996, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services of the United States, the Secretary of the Department of Health of Mexico, and the Minister of the department of Health of Canada, signed a Joint Declaration on HIV-affected families. During the signing of this joint declaration, the Secretaries and the Minister pledged to implement the activities identified in the Joint Declaration in partnership with people living with HIV and to work collaboratively on the shared priority: HIV-affected families.

We, people living with HIV or their representatives from Canada, the United States, and Mexico, recognizing the urgency of the global HIV epidemic, issue this declaration.

This declaration of rights for people living with HIV describes basic rights common to everyone, not special rights. The rights described herein are consistent with other international conventions*. In this document, we recognize that increasingly HIV affects:

A diverse range of individuals and families, both traditional and non-traditional; and

A diverse range of marginalized populations and groups that are particularly vulnerable.

We, as people living with HIV or representatives of people living with HIV and their families, being participants of these trilateral meetings held in Canada, the United States and Mexico, declare our individual and collective rights to:

* Such as the Paris AIDS Declaration (1994); and the International Guidelines on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights released by the Office of the High Commissioners for Human Rights, and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (1998).

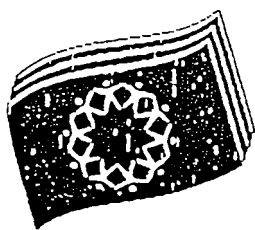
[Note: The paragraph shown above will be inserted somewhere in the declaration, but not at the end of the preamble (where it is currently appears).] [end of preamble]

Draft Text for the Statements of Rights

The following text was drafted during the meeting. It is intended to follow immediately upon the Preamble. Please note that this is not the final text of this section of the declaration.

1. Comprehensive protective legislation and anti-discrimination policies.
2. Universal access and choice to a full continuum of care (which begins at prevention and testing and goes through to palliative care) which allows us to live and die with dignity and grace.
3. Patient-centred care.
4. Unrestricted access to the therapies and medications we choose, regardless of the ability to pay.
5. Explicit commitments to an ongoing and continual trinational research collaboration/partnership that will improve our lives and realize a cure.
6. Confidentiality pertaining to our HIV sero-status and protection in all environments should we choose to disclose.
7. Full involvement and equal participation in any decision-making process affecting our lives.
8. Sufficient income and adequate housing which enable us to sustain our health.
9. Full freedom of movement, travel, mobility and migration.
10. Respect for diversity of sexual identity and orientation, without discrimination or reprisal.
11. Personal reproductive choices, without discrimination or reprisal.
12. Respect for the diverse forms that families of persons living with HIV may take, and that these relationships that persons living with HIV hold important in their lives be recognized in the health care setting and law.
13. Recognition of the importance of maintaining the integrity of HIV-affected families.
14. Full access to prevention and treatment information, and services that reflect our needs and that are based on language, literacy, age, gender, sexual identity and orientation, and cultural background.
15. Comprehensive health care and research protocols for women living with HIV for their own health (independent of reproductive decisions or pregnancy).

5. Statements: International Perspectives



ICASO STATEMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS AT THE TRI-NATIONAL LUNCHEON

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On World AIDS Day, December 1, 1994, the Prime Minister of Canada and the representatives of the Governments of Mexico and the United States, signed a Declaration reaffirming the need for *"political leaders to make the fight against AIDS a priority"*.

The Declaration promised increased international cooperation through:

- The greater involvement of people living with HIV/AIDS.
- More international and national partnerships in research.
- Stronger international collaboration for blood safety.
- The development of a global care initiative.
- Support for initiatives to reduce the vulnerability of women.
- Mobilization of initiatives to reduce the impact on children and youth.
- Incorporate human rights and ethical principles as part of our response.

The necessity of increased cooperation between the people and institutions of Canada, the United States of America, and Mexico is evident despite our cultural and economic differences. We share the same continent, we have similar hopes and aspirations, of breathing clean air, and access to health services which respond to our needs.

But our history of collaborating is largely concentrated to developing business partnerships which guide the flow of capital. For many of us involved in the community AIDS movements, this is not enough. We need to move beyond collaboration on economic matters, and move progressively towards collaboration on social matters. We need to prepare ourselves not only to be citizens sharing the continent, but also citizens of the world where our neighbours may speak another language and live thousands of miles away.

The Tri-national initiative is an attempt to realize this new paradigm. People living with HIV/AIDS from all three countries have been involved in a process which provides an opportunity for sharing with each other the fears and the hopes that occupies so much of our time. It is an initiative that responds to the call for increased international cooperation agreed upon by our government representatives, and responds to the very real need for our countries to work more closely together.

One of the important aspects of this initiative has been people connecting and learning from each other. This includes not only people living with HIV/AIDS in the three countries, but also among the government representatives and between people living with HIV/AIDS and government representatives. This is an important building block.

Now the important questions regarding where we go from here. Will the process lead to successful cross-national initiatives? Will it lead to the accessibility of treatments that save lives irrespective of where you live? Will it lead to our governments moving in progressive ways which ensure that the human rights of its citizens are respected, including the right to travel and emigrate?

ICASO believes that our collective human environment leaves us no choice. We need to integrate our social and health policies, but in a way that establishes a common denominator that does ensure access to treatments, that does respect human rights, and that does contribute toward better standards for all.

This process is not perfect. It is evolving. And more importantly, it will need to evolve in more substantial ways if we want to claim that the tri-national initiative is a model. We are not there yet, but we need to build on a willingness and momentum that has been witnessed over the past two years. We need to expand the scope of the work and the number of people involved.

If the process is to be successful, it will need to move beyond the current issues under study, and incorporate lessons from beyond HIV/AIDS. We need to encourage all non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and government agencies to work with each other across the borders which divide us. We need to find more human and financial resources to move to the next level. We need to believe, without equivocation, that our chances of survival are increased when we work together as equals: among our countries, and between people living with HIV/AIDS and our governments.

International Collaboration

There are several types of collaboration that define what collaboration means. Some of these terms are: cooperation, networking, unification, sharing, friendship, togetherness, sources and more important, a commitment to achieve a goal together. There are more terms that can be added to the list but the bottom line is that all of them must follow the same goal.

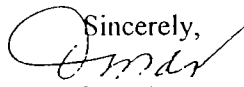
The goal of collaboration is to maximize the scarce resources especially through this tri-national partnership among our governments. Mexico, Canada and United States must bridge the gaps in services for people living with HIV disease in order to assure dignity and respect for human rights and access to treatments.

My name is Omar Perez and I am person living with HIV disease. As many of us living with this disease our lives depend on comprehensive HIV services that will enhance the quality of life. Services such as traditional treatments, mental health, spirituality, holistic medicine and financial services do make differences in our lives. As a representative of the Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS of North America (GNP+NA), part of our mission is to improve global access to HIV/AIDS treatment and health care.

GNP is supportive of this partnership among our countries that have the potential to improve the lives of all citizens and humans affected and infected with HIV disease. Our involvement has brought significant challenges and solutions that can produce a positive impact in our lives, help to develop partnership among community members, health departments, service providers, elected officials, our countries and other representatives who were at the table.

GNP+ NA is eager to continue in this collaboration more than ever, since HIV/AIDS is still a challenge in our communities, and especially when some people perceive that the fight is over. More than ever, we need to reinforce our leadership, our community and our strength until this fight is really over.

There is much work needed to be done and we are some of the soldiers in the frontline of this unique partnership crossing the borders for a common goal. Lets open our doors for new enlightenment, approaches, resources via networking, collaborating and conspiring against this disease.

Sincerely,

Omar Perez
GNP+NA member

Colaboración Internacional

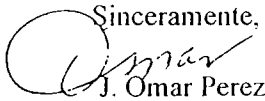
Hay muchos tipos de colaboración que definen lo que esto significa. Algunos de estos significados son: Cooperación, una red, unificación, compartir, amistad, conjunto, recursos y más importante aún es el compromiso de lograr una meta en conjunto. Hay muchos significados que pueden ser incluidos en esta lista pero el resultado final sigue siendo el lograr una misma meta.

La meta de una colaboración es la de aumentar los recursos escasos especialmente a través de esta asociación entre nuestros tres gobiernos. Los Estados Unidos, México y Canadá tienen el deber de crear puentes para cubrir las brechas existentes en los servicios para personas viviendo con la enfermedad de VIH de manera que se asegure la dignidad y el respeto a los derechos humanos y el acceso a tratamientos y medicamentos.

Mi nombre es Omar Perez y soy una persona viviendo con la enfermedad de VIH. Como muchos de los que vivimos con esta enfermedad, nuestras vidas dependen de servicios para el VIH que pueden mejorar la calidad de vivir con el VIH/SIDA. Algunos servicios como son los tratamientos tradicionales, holísticos, salud mental, espiritual y ayuda financiera hacen una gran diferencia en nuestras vidas. Como miembro de la Red Global de Personas Viviendo con el VIH/SIDA (GNP+NA), parte de nuestra misión es la de mejorar el acceso a tratamientos para el VIH/SIDA y el cuidado de la salud.

La GNP+NA apoya la asociación entre nuestras naciones las cuales tienen el potencial de mejorar las vidas de todos sus ciudadanos y seres humanos infectados y afectados por el VIH/SIDA. Nuestra participación ha delineado retos y soluciones significantes que pueden producir un impacto positivo en nuestras vidas y nos ha ayudado a desarrollar relaciones en colaboración con miembros de la comunidad, departamentos de salud, proveedores de servicios, oficiales electos, nuestras naciones y otros representantes presentes en las juntas.

La GNP+NA esta afanada en que se continúe esta colaboración más que nunca ya que el VIH/SIDA sigue siendo un reto en nuestras comunidades en especial cuando algunas personas persisten que la lucha contra el SIDA ha terminado. Necesitamos fortalecer nuestro liderazgo, nuestra comunidad y nuestras fuerzas hasta que esta lucha haya realmente terminado. Hay mucho trabajo que queda por hacer y somos alguno de los soldados en el frente de esta extraordinaria asociación que traspasa las fronteras dirigiéndose hacia una misma meta. Habramos nuestras puertas a nuevas ideas, maneras, recursos a través de una red de trabajo, colaborando y conspirando en contra de esta enfermedad.

Sinceramente,

J. Omar Perez

Miembro de la GNP+NA

**6. 12th World AIDS Conference Presentation
(Posters/Abstracts) Related to
Binational and Trinational Activities**

6.a. Representatives of People Living with HIV/AIDS

6.b. Government Representatives

Involvement of Trinational Participants in the 12th World AIDS Conference

The following information is a summary of some of the activities of Trinational participants at the 12th World AIDS Conference.

REPRESENTATIVES OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS

Suzanne Desbiens

"Approaches to Women Centered Prevention"

Session Code: DS05, Session Number: D31

Room: Hall I, Date: 1998-07-01, Time: 11:00

Co-chair: Desbiens, Purnima Mane, Suisse

Suzanne Desbiens

Will present at a presentation by the key contact persons of the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (ICW) and at the launching of a manual entitled: "Positive development - a manual for people living with HIV/AIDS" prepared by the Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+), supported by UNAIDS. Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, Chamoisine Room, Lundi 29 juin, 17:00 à 19:00

Suzanne Desbiens

"Women's Satellite Meeting " organised by the International AIDS Society's Women's Caucus and ICW. Room D, Palexpo Conference Center, Dimanche le 28 juin

Mark Harrington

Satellite Conference, International Community Treatment and Science Workshop
June 27-28, Swissair Centre. The goal of the workshop is to expand the network of community based treatment activists and educators and increase community participation and understanding in the basic and clinical science tracks of the International conference.

James R. Kreppner

Co-author of a CHS poster on the "Partners in Care" project, designed to enhance PWAs' ability to interact with their medical support.

James R. Kreppner

Speaking at a Clinical Sciences session (B45)

July 2, at 1:00pm to 2:30pm, entitled "Bridging Session: Issues in Clinical Trial Design"

Kiyoshi Kuromiya

Poster 34317 - Building a Community Based Infrastructure for AIDS Information

Dissemination on the Net: 2 Years Later

8:00-8:50 AM, 12 Noon-1:00 PM, and 5:00-6:00 PM on Wed., July 1 at Hall 1, Track D

Kiyoshi Kuromiya

Co-author - HIV Cost Services Utilization Survey (AHCPR and Rand Corp.)

REPRESENTATIVES OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS (Continued)

Anuar Luna

Speaker in the Community Symposium "Positive prevention: the role of HIV+ people in prevention. Presentation is "Mobilizing positive people in an unsupportive environment."
July 1, 5.30 to 8:00 pm

Anuar Luna

Poster: Empowerment processes to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV/AIDS
July 2

Arne Schilder

Treatment Information Dissemination And Decision-Making Among HIV-Positive Persons Is A Regional and Local Phenomenon Linked to Social Networks. Schilder A, Hogg R, et al

Arne Schilder

Care Seeking & Therapeutic Adherence are Potentiated by Culturally Competent HIV Care Providers. Schilder A, Kenndy C, Laframboise, et al

Phill Wilson

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Phill Wilson

Curator of the Slogans to T-Shirt history exhibit in the NGO pavillion.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND CONSULTANTS

Dr. Gerry Bally, Dr. Elaine Daniels, David Garmaise

Poster #22480. Rehabilitation Services for People Living with HIV. June 30.

Dr. Elaine Daniels, Dr. Gerry Bally, Dr. Jorge Saavedra, David Garmaise, Dr. Eric Goosby

Poster #44259: Model for Bridging the Gap: United States, Canada and Mexico Develop Joint Initiative on HIV Affected Families. July 2.

Dr. Elaine Daniels, Dr. Gerry Bally

Poster #22435: AIDS and Palliative Care: A Needs Assessment Study in the Era of Protease Inhibitors. June 30.

Dr. Eric Goosby, Dr. Elaine Daniels, Dr. Anthony S. Fauci

Poster #42292: U.S. Public Health Service Expert Panel on Clinical Practices: A Public-Private Partnership with Worldwide Internet Access. July 2.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND CONSULTANTS (Continued)

Dr. Marsha Martin

Helping to organize Women and HIV/AIDS Global Leadership Network and Dialogue on HIV/AIDS, an official satellite session of the 12th World AIDS Conference. There are four sessions consisting of: 1) an update on women and HIV/AIDS; 2) prevention and education issues; 3) clinical strategies and community intervention issues; and 4) recommendations for next steps. The first three sessions will be held from 7:45 to 9:45 AM on June 30, July 1 and July 2. The final session will be held from 6:15 to 8:00 PM on July 2. All sessions are in room D. *(See attached for more information.)*

Elba Montalvo, Dr. Elaine Daniels

Poster # 43326: Projecto GOAL: Prevention Intervention in the Mexican Immigrant Populations in New York City. July 2.

Women and HIV/AIDS
Global Leadership Network and Dialogue on HIV/AIDS
An Official Satellite Session of the 12th World AIDS Conference Sponsored by:

United States Department of Health and Human Services

Co-hosted by: UNAIDS Switzerland & National AIDS Fund (USA)

Part1:

Tuesday - June 30, 1998

7:45 am - 8:45 am

Women and HIV/AIDS: An Update

Review and assessment of HIV (and other STDs) and TB incidence, prevalence, demographics and determinants of transmission and risk factors; impact on social well being and economic development will be presented

Part 2:

Wednesday - July 1, 1998

7:45 am - 8:45 am

Women and HIV/AIDS: Public Health Interventions

Discussion of prevention strategies and messages;; counseling and testing issues; identification (including definition) of continuum of care and treatment service

Part 3:

Thursday - July 2, 1998

7:45 am - 8:45 am

Women and HIV/AIDS: Clinical Strategies and Community Interventions

Presentation and discussion of a broad range of clinical interventions and therapies specifically designed to treat women across the life cycle; community support systems will be highlighted

Part 4:

Thursday - July 2, 1998

6:15 pm - 8:00 pm

Women and HIV/AIDS: Building the Bridge Over the Gap

Review, summary and planning session with recommendations for next steps

Room D Convention Center
Palexpo, Geneva, Switzerland



1996 Materials

Trinational Collaboration on HIV Affected Families

June 28, 1998 Luncheon, Geneva Switzerland
12th International Conference on AIDS

Trinational Satellite Symposia

Innovative Partnerships in Education and Care:
Health Professionals and People Living With HIV
11th International Conference on AIDS
July 9, 1996, Vancouver, Canada

1. Joint Declaration of Canada, United States of Mexico, and the United States of America

2. Agenda From July 9, 1996 Session

Joint Declaration of the Minister of Health of Canada, the Secretary of Health of the United States of Mexico, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services of the United States of America

**Trinational Satellite Symposia
The XIth International Conference on AIDS
July 9, 1996
Vancouver, Canada**

HIV affects not only the individual with the disease, but also causes profound stress for families, caregivers and communities. Today, we are acknowledging "as a shared priority of our nations" all those who support persons living with HIV or AIDS and especially those, such as family members, who provide care.

In this era when more citizens, their families and communities are being affected by HIV infection and AIDS, we acknowledge our support for persons living with HIV infection or AIDS and those who care for them, including their families, caregivers, and communities.

The governments of our countries can facilitate change and improvement by working collaboratively with other levels of government, national organizations, and people living with HIV or AIDS and their organizations to address concerns related to the availability of supportive social environments, adequate and appropriate health and social services, as well as the development of support systems and networks.

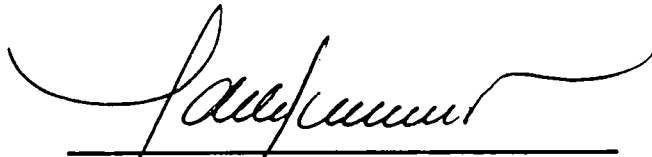
During the coming years, our governments will learn from each other's successes and challenges. Specifically, we will work together to:

- *share experience gained within each country,*
- *share information on innovative approaches, new initiatives, and best practices and*
- *increase collaboration in our HIV/AIDS efforts.*

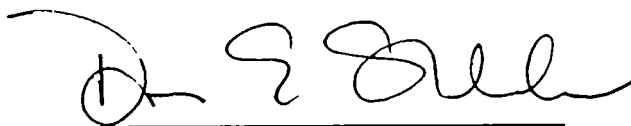
Signed at the Trinational Satellite Symposia of the XIth International Conference on AIDS, Vancouver '96, in Vancouver, Canada on July 9, 1996,



The Hon. David Dingwall
Minister of Health
Canada



Dr. Juan Ramón de la Fuente
Secretary of Health
The United States of México



The Hon. Donna E. Shalala
Secretary of Health and Human Services
United States of America

Déclaration conjointe du ministre de la Santé du Canada, du
secrétaire à la Santé des États-Unis du Mexique et de la secrétaire à
la Santé et aux Services sociaux des États-Unis d'Amérique

Colloque satellite tripartite, la XI^e Conférence
internationale sur le SIDA

Le 9 juillet 1996
Vancouver (Canada)

Le VIH touche non seulement les personnes qui sont atteintes de la maladie, mais il représente également une source de stress considérable pour les familles, les pourvoyeurs de soins et les collectivités. Aujourd'hui, nous reconnaissons «comme priorité commune de nos nations» tous ceux qui soutiennent les personnes vivant avec le VIH ou le SIDA, et en particulier ceux qui les soignent, tels les membres de leurs familles.

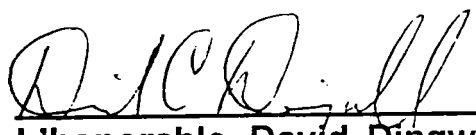
En cette époque où de plus en plus de personnes, de familles et de collectivités sont touchées par l'infection à VIH et le SIDA, nous proclamons notre soutien aux personnes qui vivent avec une infection à VIH ou avec le SIDA et aux personnes qui leur viennent en aide, notamment leurs familles, les pourvoyeurs de soins et les collectivités.

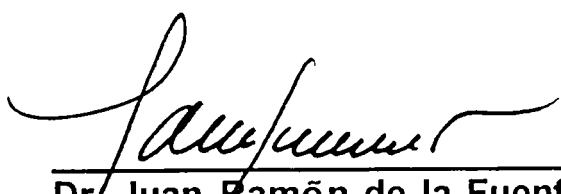
Les gouvernements de nos pays peuvent contribuer à modifier et à améliorer la situation en travaillant en collaboration avec d'autres ordres de gouvernement, des organisations nationales et des personnes vivant avec le VIH ou le SIDA et les organismes qui les représentent afin de régler les problèmes liés à l'accès à des milieux sociaux qui leur apportent le soutien dont elles ont besoin, à des soins et des services sociaux adéquats et appropriés ainsi qu'à la création de systèmes et de réseaux de soutien.

Au cours des prochaines années, nos gouvernements pourront tirer profit de leurs réussites et de leurs difficultés respectives. En particulier, nous travaillerons ensemble afin de:

- ***partager l'expérience acquise par chaque pays,***
- ***partager l'information concernant les approches novatrices, les nouvelles initiatives et les meilleures pratiques, et***
- ***accroître la collaboration aux efforts que nous déployons dans le domaine du VIH/SIDA.***

**Signée lors du Colloque satellite tripartite de la
XI^e Conférence internationale sur le SIDA, Vancouver '96, à
Vancouver, Canada, le 9 juillet 1996**


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**Declaración conjunta del Ministro de Salud del
Canadá, el Secretario de Salud de México y de la
Secretaría de Salud y Servicios Humanos de los
Estados Unidos de América**

**Simposio Satélite Trinacional,
XI Conferencia Internacional sobre SIDA,
Vancouver '96**

**el 9 de julio de 1996
Vancouver, Canadá**

El VIH afecta no solamente al individuo en términos de la enfermedad sino que también causa un profundo impacto en las familias, en aquellos que cuidan a los afectados y en la comunidad. El día de hoy, reconocemos como una prioridad compartida de nuestras naciones a aquellos que apoyan a las personas que viven con VIH o SIDA y especialmente a aquellos miembros de la familia que proveen cuidados.

En esta era donde cada vez más ciudadanos, sus familias y comunidades están siendo afectados por la infección por VIH y SIDA, hacemos patente nuestro apoyo para fortalecer la calidad de vida de las personas viviendo con VIH o SIDA, y de aquellos que los apoyan incluyendo a sus familias, a aquellos que los cuidan y sus comunidades.

Nuestros gobiernos pueden facilitar el cambio y la mejoría deseada trabajando en colaboración con otros niveles de gobierno, organizaciones nacionales y con las personas que viven con el VIH/SIDA y sus organizaciones para atender sus inquietudes relacionadas con la disponibilidad de un ambiente social adecuado, de servicios sociales y de salud apropiados, así como el desarrollo de sistemas de apoyo y redes de trabajo.

Durante los próximos años nuestros gobiernos aprenderán unos de otros sobre los éxitos y retos enfrentados.

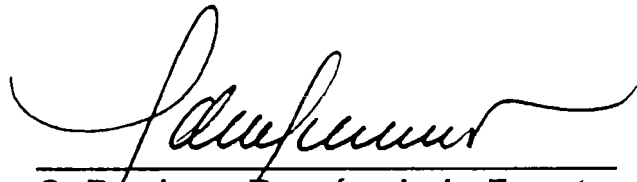
Específicamente, trabajaremos conjuntamente para:

- ***compartir la experiencia obtenida dentro de cada país,***
- ***compartir información sobre estrategias innovadoras, nuevas iniciativas y mejores acciones entre naciones, e***
- ***incrementar la colaboración en nuestros esfuerzos para la lucha contra el VIH/SIDA.***

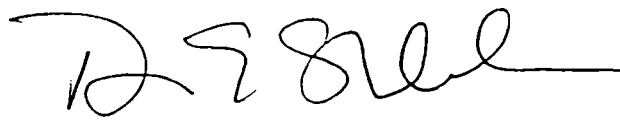
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