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Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly

Organization of the 2011 comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its commitment to the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS,¹ in which it decided, inter alia, to devote sufficient time and at least one full day of the annual session of the General Assembly to reviewing and debating a report of the Secretary-General,

Reaffirming also its commitment to the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS,² in which it decided, inter alia, to undertake comprehensive reviews in 2008 and 2011, within the annual reviews of the General Assembly, of the progress achieved in realizing the Declaration of Commitment and the Political Declaration,

Recalling the HIV/AIDS-related goals and commitments contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,³ in the 2005 World Summit Outcome⁴ and in the outcome document of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals,⁵

Emphasizing the significance of the comprehensive review in 2011 which will mark three decades of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, the ten-year review of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and its time-bound measurable goals and targets, and the five-year review of the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS with the goal of achieving universal access to comprehensive HIV prevention, treatment, care and support by 2010, while bearing in mind the fact that these goals and targets

¹ Resolution S-26/2, annex.

² Resolution 60/262, annex.

³ See resolution 55/2.

⁴ See resolution 60/1.

⁵ See resolution 65/1.

will expire at the end of 2010, and the urgent need to renew the political will for, and to continue fulfilling our commitments to, the global response to HIV/AIDS,

1. *Decides* to convene a high-level meeting from 8 to 10 June 2011, which will undertake a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS¹ and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS,² including successes, best practices, lessons learned, obstacles and gaps, challenges and opportunities, and recommendations to guide and monitor the HIV/AIDS response beyond 2010, including concrete strategies for action, as well as promote the continued commitment and engagement of leaders in a comprehensive global response to HIV/AIDS;

2. *Also decides* that the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting should be as follows:

(a) The high-level meeting will comprise plenary meetings and up to five thematic panel discussions;

(b) The opening plenary meeting will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, a person openly living with HIV and an eminent person actively engaged in the response to HIV/AIDS;

(c) The Chairs of the panel discussions will present summaries of the discussions to the closing plenary meeting;

3. *Invites* Member States and observers to be represented at the highest level at the high-level meeting;

4. *Encourages* Member States to include in their national delegations to the high-level meeting parliamentarians, representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations and organizations and networks representing people living with HIV, women, young persons, orphans, community organizations, faith-based organizations and the private sector;

5. *Decides* that the Holy See, in its capacity as Observer State, and Palestine, in its capacity as observer, shall participate in the high-level meeting;

6. *Invites* the United Nations system, including programmes, funds, specialized agencies and regional commissions, the Special Envoys of the Secretary-General for HIV/AIDS and the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General to Stop Tuberculosis, as well as the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, to participate in the high-level meeting, as appropriate, and urges them to consider initiatives in support of the preparatory process and the meeting;

7. *Encourages* other stakeholders, including the International Drug Purchase Facility, UNITAID, and the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, to contribute, as appropriate, to the high-level meeting;

8. *Invites* the Inter-Parliamentary Union to contribute to the high-level meeting;

9. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to organize, no later than in April 2011, an informal interactive civil society hearing with the active participation of people living with HIV and broader civil society, and attended by representatives of Member States, the Observer State and observers,

non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, invited civil society organizations and the private sector, as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting;

10. *Decides* that the President of the General Assembly shall preside over the informal interactive hearing with representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector, and requests the President to prepare a summary of the hearing, issued as a document of the Assembly prior to the high-level meeting;

11. *Encourages* Member States to actively participate in the hearing at the ambassadorial level to facilitate interaction between Member States and representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector;

12. *Invites* intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, and non-governmental members of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint Programme to participate in the high-level meeting, as appropriate;

13. *Decides* that representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, civil society organizations and the private sector, one from each grouping, selected during the informal interactive hearing, may also be included in the list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the high-level meeting, in consultation with the President of the General Assembly;

14. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, following appropriate consultations with Member States, to draw up, no later than 31 March 2011, a list of other relevant civil society representatives, in particular associations of people living with HIV, non-governmental organizations, including organizations of women and young people, girls and boys and men, faith-based organizations and the private sector, especially pharmaceutical companies and representatives of labour, including on the basis of the recommendations of the Joint Programme and taking into account the principle of equitable geographical representation, and to submit the list to Member States for consideration on a no-objection basis for a final decision by the Assembly on participation in the high-level meeting, including panel discussions;

15. *Decides* that the arrangements outlined in paragraph 14 above shall not be considered a precedent for other similar events;

16. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, with support from the Joint Programme and in consultation with Member States, to finalize the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting, including the identification of a person openly living with HIV and an eminent person actively engaged in the response to HIV/AIDS to speak at the opening plenary meeting, the identification of themes and finalization of the panel discussions, and the arrangements for the informal interactive hearing with civil society;

17. *Requests* the Joint Programme to continue facilitating, to the extent possible, inclusive consultations at the country and regional levels, with the participation of relevant stakeholders, including Governments, non-governmental organizations, civil society and the private sector, to review progress made towards

universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support, as well as opportunities to address gaps, obstacles and challenges;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive and analytical report, at least six weeks prior to its consideration by the General Assembly, on progress achieved and challenges remaining in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment and the Political Declaration, as well as recommendations for sustainable ways to overcome those challenges, taking into consideration the outcomes and findings of the aforementioned universal access review consultations;

19. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to hold timely, open, transparent and inclusive consultations with all Member States, with a view to adopting a concise and action-oriented declaration, as an outcome of the high-level meeting to be agreed by Member States, that reaffirms and builds on the Declaration of Commitment and the Political Declaration to guide and monitor the HIV/AIDS response beyond 2010, giving due consideration to the report of the Secretary-General and other inputs to the preparatory process for the high-level meeting.
