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Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the political declarations on HIV/AIDS

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly

Organization of the 2021 high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its commitment to the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS¹ and the political declarations on HIV/AIDS adopted at the high-level meetings of the General Assembly in 2006,² 2011³ and 2016,⁴

Recalling the HIV/AIDS-related goals and commitments contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,⁵ in the 2005 World Summit Outcome,⁶ and in the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals,⁷ and welcoming the achievement of the target of Millennium Development Goal 6 to have halted by 2015 and begun to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS,

Recognizing that, through the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development⁸ and its Sustainable Development Goals in September 2015, Heads of State and Government made a bold commitment to ending the epidemic of AIDS by 2030, and emphasizing its interlinkages with the other goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda,

Recognizing also that, through the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,⁹ Heads of State and Government supported research and development of vaccines and medicines, as

¹ Resolution [S-26/2](#), annex.

² Resolution [60/262](#), annex.

³ Resolution [65/277](#), annex.

⁴ Resolution [70/266](#), annex.

⁵ Resolution [55/2](#).

⁶ Resolution [60/1](#).

⁷ Resolution [65/1](#).

⁸ Resolution [70/1](#).

⁹ Resolution [69/313](#), annex.



well as preventive measures and treatments for communicable and non-communicable diseases, in particular those that disproportionately impact developing countries,

Reiterating the commitment to the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development towards the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda,

Welcoming the significant gains achieved in the AIDS response, while noting with concern that progress has been uneven among and within countries, and that gains remain fragile and reversible without a renewed commitment and accelerated action,

Expressing deep concern that, prior to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the world was not on track to meet the time-bound targets set out in the 2016 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS and missed them when they expired at the end of 2020, and that the COVID-19 pandemic has created additional setbacks and pushed the AIDS response even further off track,

Noting that 2021 will mark 40 years since the first case of AIDS was reported and 25 years since the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS commenced its valuable work, and noting also the ongoing work on a new Global AIDS Strategy 2021–2026,

Recognizing that AIDS remains an urgent global health and development challenge, and recognizing also the need to address persistent challenges and gaps in the AIDS response, including primary prevention, as well as the impact thereon of the COVID-19 pandemic and the underlying inequalities within and among countries on which both epidemics thrive,

1. *Decides* to convene a high-level meeting from 8 to 10 June 2021, which will undertake a comprehensive review of the progress on the commitments made in the 2016 Political Declaration towards ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030, and how the response, in its social, economic and political dimensions, continues to contribute optimally to progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the global health goal, including successes, best practices, lessons learned, obstacles and gaps, challenges and opportunities, including with regard to partnership and cooperation, and recommendations to guide and monitor the HIV/AIDS response beyond 2021, including new concrete commitments to accelerate action to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030 as well as to promote the renewed commitment and engagement of leaders, countries, communities and partners to accelerate and implement a comprehensive universal and integrated 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 consist of:

(i) An opening segment with 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;

(ii) A general debate with statements by Member States and observers of the General Assembly; the list of speakers shall be established in accordance with the established practices of the Assembly, and the time limit for the statements will be three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States;

(iii) Up to five thematic panel discussions, which shall be held consecutively with the general debate;

(iv) A closing segment with statements from the chairs of the panel discussions, presenting summaries of the discussions;

(b) The meetings will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.;

(c) The format of the meeting, in person, virtual or a hybrid, will be decided by April 2021 by the President of the General Assembly on the basis of an assessment of the health conditions and in close consultation with Member States;

3. *Further decides* that the proceedings of the high-level meeting and the multi-stakeholder hearing will be webcast, and encourages the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General to give the highest visibility to the high-level meeting, through all relevant media platforms and information and communications technologies;

4. *Invites* Member States and observers of the General Assembly to participate and be represented at the highest level at the high-level meeting;

5. *Encourages* Member States to include in their national delegations to the high-level meeting ministers from all relevant ministries, as appropriate, representatives such as parliamentarians, mayors of cities significantly affected by HIV/AIDS, representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations and organizations and networks representing people living with, at risk of and affected by HIV, persons in vulnerable situations and other relevant stakeholders;

6. *Invites* the United Nations system, including programmes, funds, specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the International Drug Purchase Facility, UNITAID, and other relevant stakeholders, including Goodwill Ambassadors, to participate in and contribute to the high-level meeting, as appropriate, and urges them to consider initiatives in support of the preparatory process and the meeting;

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

8. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to organize, no later than April 2021, and preside over an interactive multi-stakeholder hearing, with the active participation of people living with, at risk of and affected by HIV, including key populations, representatives of Member States and observers of the General Assembly, parliamentarians, representatives of local governments, invited civil society organizations, including non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, philanthropic foundations, academia, medical associations, the private sector and broader communities, as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting, and further requests the President to prepare a summary of the hearing prior to the high-level meeting;

9. *Invites* non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and non-governmental members of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS to participate in the high-level meeting, as appropriate;

10. *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 – to be selected during the interactive multi-stakeholder 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;

11. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector who may participate in the high-level meeting, including its panel discussions, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation, with due regard for gender

parity, to submit the proposed list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis¹⁰ and to bring the list to the attention of the Assembly;

12. *Also requests* the President of the General Assembly, with support from the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and in consultation with Member States, to finalize the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting, and for the interactive multi-stakeholder hearing no later than 15 April 2021, as well as 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, and the identification of themes and finalization of the panel discussions no later than 7 May 2021;

13. *Requests* the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS to continue to facilitate, to the extent possible, inclusive consultations at the country and regional levels, with the participation of relevant stakeholders, such as Governments, civil society, including non-governmental organizations and the private sector, to review the progress made towards the achievement of the time-bound goals set out in the 2016 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS to be met by 2020, as well as opportunities to address gaps, obstacles and challenges;

14. *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 declarations on HIV/AIDS, as well as recommendations for sustainable ways to overcome these challenges, taking into consideration the outcomes and findings of the aforementioned progress review consultations, as available;

15. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to hold timely, open, transparent and inclusive consultations with all Member States, giving due consideration to the report of the Secretary-General and other inputs to the preparatory process for the high-level meeting, with a view to adopting a concise and action-oriented declaration as an outcome of the high-level meeting, to be agreed upon by Member States, which reaffirms and builds on the Declaration of Commitment and the political declarations on HIV/AIDS to guide and monitor the HIV/AIDS response beyond 2020, towards achieving the commitment of ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030.

¹⁰ The list will include proposed as well as final names. The general basis of any objections, if requested by one or more States Members of the United Nations or States members of the specialized agencies, will be made known to the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the requester.