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Dear UNAs:

In the context of the high-level conference on HIV/AIDS, held on September 22nd, **Secretary General Kofi Annan stated that “AIDS represents the greatest leadership challenge of our time.”** Millions of people have suffered from this dreadful epidemic, which continues to spread. There is an urgent need to bring medicines and support to those already affected and to do everything possible to conquer it.

With the current levels of progress, none of the expected goals, as stated in the Declaration of Commitment in 2001, will be reached by 2005 when:

- we should have cut by a quarter the number of young people infected with HIV in the worst-affected nations
- we should have halved the rate at which infants contract HIV
- we should have comprehensive care programmes in place.

One third of nations lack policies providing prevention and care to women, which represent 50 percent of infections in the world. One third of the most affected countries have not provided vital strategies of caring for children orphaned by the disease.

The Global Fund Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria is the most important source of funding for AIDS programs. The Fund has received pledges of over \$4.7 billion, but by 23 October 2003, only \$1.6 billion had actually been paid into the Fund. Unfortunately, only 44 member states have made such pledges and only 13 of these have paid the full amount of money that they have pledged. The goal is to reach \$10 billion a year by 2005.

Throughout the high-level conference, statesmen from nations around the world stressed the importance of funds in the efforts of halting the spread of disease.

- Olusegun Obasanjo, President of Nigeria, said that it is of the greatest urgency for countries that have made their pledges to the Global Fund but have not paid yet, to do so as fast as possible. Nigeria has already paid its promised contribution.
- Jacques Chirac, President of France, made a recommendation that each, European Union (EU) and United States provide 1 billion dollars to the Global Fund each year, with the rest of the donors providing the remaining balance.

- Pascal Couchepin, President of Switzerland, said that the Swiss Government made a decision to classify the Global Fund as an international organization. With this status, the Global Fund will operate with more flexibility and efficiency.
- Lydie Polfer, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg, argued that the efforts in addressing the spread of disease would intensify if all developed nations would simply commit 0.7 % of their gross national product to the official development assistance (ODA).
- Colin Powell, Secretary of State of the United States, declared that US will provide \$15 billion for a five-year plan of combating the epidemic in the Africa and the Caribbean. He stated that the spread of the virus directly endangers the well-being of humanity and constitutes a threat greater than the one presented by terrorism.

In order to effectively address the spread of HIV/AIDS, the international community has to cooperate in increasing the level of available resources. It is time for WFUNA and UNA's to contribute to this effort. As civil society's greatest supporters of the UN, we have a clear responsibility to help mobilize much needed resources for the Global Fund.

UNAs can help to mobilize additional resources for the Fund by lobbying governments

- that have already made their contributions, to increase their pledges to the Fund.
- that have promised to contribute but have not paid yet, to do so now.
- that have not pledged money to the Global Fund, to do so as fast as possible.

Please see the list of donors to determine the position of your government.

WFUNA encourages all UNA's to contribute to this important effort and report on the actions taken. A cumulative report of these activities will be sent to the Secretary General. All responses should be directed to Artur Pogorzelski at Pogorzelski@WFUNA.org.

Yours cordially,



Amb Donald Blinken
Secretary-General

Total Pledges to the Fund by the Member States

DONORS	TOTAL PLEDGES TO DATE			TOTAL PAID TO DATE (USD)
	AMOUNT PLEDGED	EQUIVALENT IN USD	PERIOD OF PLEDGE (if known)	

Countries

Andorra	USD	100,000	100,000	2002	100,000
Austria	EUR	1,000,000	1,075,900	2002	1,075,900
Barbados	USD	100,000	100,000	2003	
Belgium	EUR	18,000,000	19,064,552	2001-2003	12,207,409
Burkina Faso	USD	75,000	75,000	2002	75,000
Cameroon	USD	100,000	100,000	2003	
Canada	USD	100,000,000	100,000,000	2002-2005	50,000,000
China	USD	10,000,000	10,000,000	2003-2007	
Denmark	DKK	195,000,000	27,893,434	2002-2003	14,816,511
European Commission	EUR	460,000,000	525,635,814	2001-2006	137,064,385
France	EUR	550,000,000	628,215,000	2002-2006	113,929,286
Germany	EUR	305,000,000	347,136,811	2002-2007	49,422,525
Greece	EUR	250,000	285,714		
Iceland	ISK	15,000,000	194,049	2003	
Ireland	EUR	20,000,000	20,996,430	2002-2003	20,996,430
Italy	USD	200,000,000	200,000,000	2002-2003	209,190,102
	EUR	200,000,000	228,571,429		
Japan	USD	200,000,000	200,000,000	2002-2004	80,400,337
Kenya	KES	653,550	8,273	2001	8,273
Kuwait	USD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2003	1,000,000
Liberia	USD	25,000	25,000		
Liechtenstein	USD	100,000	100,000	2002	100,000
Luxembourg	EUR	3,000,000	3,275,177	2002-2004	2,132,320
Mexico	USD	100,000	100,000	2003	
Monaco	USD	44,000	44,000	2002	44,000
Netherlands	EUR	135,000,000	153,317,657	2002-2005	16,174,800
New Zealand	NZD	1,250,000	734,000	2003	734,000
Niger	USD	50,000	50,000		
Nigeria	USD	10,000,000	10,000,000	2002	9,080,914
Norway	NOK	375,165,800	52,638,920	2002	17,962,003
Poland	USD	20,000	20,000	2003	20,000
Portugal	USD	1,000,000	1,000,000		
Russia	USD	20,000,000	20,000,000	2002-2006	4,000,000
Rwanda	USD	1,000,000	1,000,000		
Saudi Arabia	USD	10,000,000	10,000,000	2003-2006	2,500,000
South Africa	ZAR	20,000,000	2,793,296	2003	
Spain	USD	50,000,000	50,000,000	2003-2004	35,000,000

Sweden	SEK	600,000,000	72,418,739	2002-2004	33,858,328
Switzerland	USD	10,000,000	10,000,000	2002-2003	10,000,132
Thailand	USD	5,000,000	5,000,000	2003-2007	1,000,000
Uganda	USD	2,000,000	2,000,000		
United Kingdom	GBP	138,000,000	222,725,640	2001-2005	118,248,028
	USD	80,000,000	80,000,000		
United States	USD	1,622,725,000	1,622,725,000	2001-2008	622,725,000
Zambia	ZMK	83,500,000	25,000	2002	25,000
Zimbabwe	USD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2003	158,462
Total			4,631,444,834		1,564,049,144