



# THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

GA/I/7

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Follow-Up to the Outcome of the Twenty-Sixth Special Session: Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly

*The General Assembly*

*Recognizing* that the implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on the Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) and the fulfillment of the targets set therein are integrally linked to the attainment of the development goals set out in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,

*Recalling* its resolution S-26/2 of 27 June 2001, entitled “Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS”, in which it decided to devote sufficient time and at least one full day of the annual session of the General Assembly to review and debate a report of the Secretary-General,

*Cognizant* that 2003 represented the first year that the time-bound commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment are due to be met, and that the other targets are to be met by 2005 and 2010,

*Mindful of* the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010, the Doha Ministerial Declaration, the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development, and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development,

*Declaring* that high risk populations vary from region to region, we are agreed that said populations are ones which are conducive to the spread of HIV/AIDS,

*Emphasizing* the shared responsibility of member states to 'manage the worldwide economic and social development' outlined within the Millennium Declaration,

*Deeply disturbed that* over the last two decades, AIDS is believed to have affected 58 million people and claimed about 22 million lives,

*Fully aware* that if no real action is taken to prevent and reverse the increase and effects of HIV/AIDS, numerous peoples and their countries will be devastated both economically and socially,

33 *Taking into account* the critical role of society at all levels in the response to HIV/AIDS, in  
34 particular to people living with HIV/AIDS,  
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36 *Reaffirming* Article 25 para. 2 of the Declaration of Human Rights statement, 'Everyone has  
37 the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and his family...',  
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39 *Recognizing* that the problem of HIV/AIDS occurs differently in separate regions,  
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41 *Believing* that current funding is significant but the money is being inadequately used,  
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43 *Deeply concerned* that HIV/AIDS causes a huge strain on member states' economies, labor  
44 force, health care systems, social systems and basic infrastructure,  
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46 *Understanding* that each country has its own values with the need for preservation of cultural  
47 values on a regional basis, and that each region has its own and different problems concerning  
48 transmission,  
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50 1. *Emphasizes* continued work and support for the 3 by 5 Initiative and calls for its extension  
51 until the year 2015;  
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53 2. *Calls for* regional councils to be formed to oversee funding of HIV/AIDS prevention,  
54 treatment and research which shall be named the Regional Plan for HIV/AIDS:  
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56 (a) Each council shall be made up of equal representation from each member state in a  
57 particular region  
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59 (b) Recognizing the need to maintain transparency, the council shall include representation  
60 from the UNDP, and submit an annual report to the General Assembly  
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62 (c) Recommends the implementation of a Three-Step Educational Plan of awareness,  
63 prevention, and treatment to include:  
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65 (i) Awareness:  
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67 a. United Nations training for a limited number of counselors from each region who can  
68 convey the information back to their region.  
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70 b. Culturally-sensitive programs to teach awareness, preventive measures, and proper  
71 treatment methods  
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73 c. Educational programs to teach awareness to high-risk populations, taking into account all  
74 methods of HIV/AIDS transmission  
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76 d. Emphasis on HIV/AIDS education that reinforces the values of the individual member  
77 nations, their cultural and religious beliefs  
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79 (ii) Prevention:  
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81 a. Preventive education for high-risk populations in all local languages  
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83 b. Education on preventive measures for workers in high-risk occupations  
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- 85 c. Distribution of prophylactics in all areas where deemed culturally acceptable  
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87 d. The creation of needle and syringe exchange programs where deemed necessary  
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89 (iii) Treatment:  
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91 a. Training of local public and private medical practitioners on the proper treatment and care  
92 of individuals infected with HIV/AIDS  
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94 b. Counseling programs to help individuals affected with HIV/AIDS and their families  
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96 c. Supports the establishment of national exchange programs of medical personnel in order  
97 to trade knowledge, information, techniques, and training between the nations  
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99 d. Encourages the funding of future research into vaccinations for a cure to the HIV/AIDS  
100 virus  
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102 3. *Expresses* its hope that all nations will strive to address issues which prevent those living  
103 with HIV/AIDS from disclosing this fact or prevent individuals from seeking testing of  
104 HIV/AIDS;  
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106 4. *Requests* that funding for the Regional Plan for HIV/AIDS be organized through the Joint  
107 United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS);  
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109 5. *Calls upon* the help of non-governmental organizations, private companies and  
110 philanthropists to assist in funding this program;  
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112 6. *Further calls upon* nations who have pledged funding for the Declaration of Commitment  
113 on HIV/AIDS to fulfill their pledges;  
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115 7. *Calls* for a broad international study done by UNAIDS to find the links between AIDS  
116 and armed conflict, poverty, lack of educational opportunity, and natural disasters;  
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118 8. *Reaffirms* the goal that the solution should be mindful and considerate of the varied  
119 viewpoints of the nations of the world;  
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121 9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to streamline the efforts of all the HIV/AIDS programs  
122 within the United Nations and reevaluate their cost-efficiency to devote excess funds towards this  
123 program.

Final Vote: 65 in favor / 0 opposed / 3 abstentions