



17 March 2011

Excellency,

The 2011 High-level Meeting on HIV/AIDS will be held in New York from 8 to 10 June. The President of the General Assembly has reappointed us to serve as Co-facilitators of the preparatory process for the HLM.

The High-level Meeting will consist of a plenary and up to five thematic panels which will run concurrently with the plenary. The panels will focus on selected areas that require special attention to advance the global HIV/AIDS response.

In accordance with Resolution A/RES/65/180, the President of the General Assembly has asked us to consult with Member States on the organizational arrangements for the High-level Meeting, including on possible themes for the panels and the format of panel discussions.

In line with the President of the General Assembly's letter of 4 March 2011, we intend to undertake initial discussions with Member States through Regional Groups. The dates we have in mind for these discussions are 30 and 31 March.

Following the release of the Secretary-General's Report on HIV/AIDS which is being prepared as a major input for the High-level Meeting, we would convene an open meeting with Member States in early April to outline the results of our initial consultations about the panels. We will also seek further advice in light of the Secretary-General's Report at that time so that we can finalize our advice to the President who will make the final determination on the panel themes and formats.

Later in April, following the release of the Secretary-General's Report, we will convene further consultations with Member States on the declaration that will be adopted by the High-level Meeting.

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We have written to Chairs of Regional Groups explaining the proposed consultation process requesting their assistance in arranging a suitable time and venue on the 30 and 31 March for each regional consultation.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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