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Dear Brother,

Dear Mr Deputy Secretary-General,

I have the pleasure to refer to the high-level side event *Fast Track: Ending the AIDS Epidemic by 2030* held on 25 September on the sidelines of the 69th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York and would like to thank you for your participation. Your engaging contributions and thoughtful insights were instrumental to the success of the side event and will continue to influence the global debate.

The high-level side event focused attention on the fact that we have a fragile five-year window in which to ensure that the world is on-track to end the AIDS epidemic. A strong call was made for a new fast-track strategy which proposes rapid and massive acceleration of HIV prevention and treatment programmes with a people-centred approach. The success of the fast-track strategy will depend upon countries' commitment to frontloading investments and stepping up the pace of delivery of HIV services, especially the roll out of antiretroviral therapy. There was broad agreement that it is possible to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030 and that it must be a central agenda of the post 2015 goals.

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In closing, allow me to thank you again for your leadership and commitment to ending the AIDS epidemic. I look forward to working with you towards zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths.

Yours sincerely,

Michel Sidibé

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