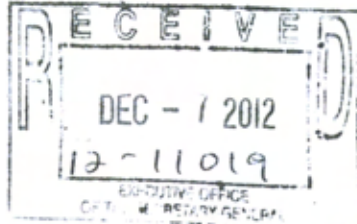


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His Excellency  
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Dear Mr Secretary-General,

I would like to thank you for your participation in the commemoration of World AIDS Day on 1 December. The coverage and visibility of events around the world were unprecedented and your strong message on this occasion will help us accelerate efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goal for AIDS.

We only have a thousand days left to achieve the 2015 global AIDS targets, and a renewed effort will need to be made by UNAIDS and its UN system partners to scale up HIV prevention and treatment programmes world-wide and generate rapid declines in the number of new HIV infections.

I am confident that the momentum of our collective efforts will overcome the biggest challenges and help the world to achieve our shared vision of zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths.

Once again, thank you for your leadership and your continued support for the global AIDS response.

Yours sincerely,

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