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Dear Mr. Sampaio,

I write to thank you for the proposal you presented to me last month in Tunis for a "Global Leaders' Forum to Stop TB/HIV Co-infection". I believe the proposal for such a Forum, to be co-sponsored by the World Health Organization, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and the World Bank, under your leadership, is a very good one. Indeed, I am confident such a Forum will provide an important platform to advance progress on tuberculosis-HIV control and, more broadly, Millennium Development Goal 6.

I am, therefore, pleased to endorse your proposal for the Forum, and would like to suggest that you consider organizing for the Forum to take place on 9 June 2008, the day before the General Assembly High-level Meeting on HIV/AIDS now scheduled for 10 and 11 June 2008. I would also like to suggest that some further consultations take place, including in the Steering Committee you propose establishing, regarding the invitees to ensure a watertight rationale for the final list.

Finally, as UNAIDS prepares for the 2008 High-level Meeting, I would recommend that you coordinate preparations for the Forum very closely with them to ensure maximum impact of both events.

Yours sincerely,

  
Ban Ki-moon

Mr. Jorge Sampaio  
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Subject Letter from SG to Pres. Sampaio re TB Forum

Dear Helena,

Let me thank you once again for a wonderful lunch with you and Mr. Sampaio a few weeks ago. I thoroughly enjoyed it.

I am now attaching for your information a letter from the SG to Mr. Sampaio re the TB/HIV Forum.

We would also like to send the original copy to you. I would be most grateful if you could let me know to which street address we should mail the original letter.

Finally, I wish you and your family season's greetings and a wonderful and peaceful New Year and all the best for 2008. Please also convey my fondest regards to the President.

with warm regards,  
Sam



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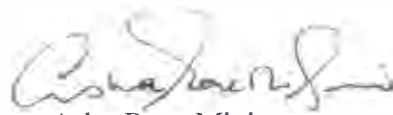
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## Note to the Secretary-General

### TB/HIV Forum proposed by Mr. Sampaio

1. Your Special Envoy to Stop TB, President Sampaio, presented you in Tunis with a proposal for a "Global Leaders' Forum to Stop TB/HIV Co-infection". The proposal has been formulated in consultation with WHO, and Mr. Sampaio has discussed it already with UNAIDS, the World Bank as well as the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The basic idea of the Forum would be to create momentum around halting and reversing the spread of TB and to ensure that greater action is taken on addressing TB/HIV co-infection. The Forum would therefore give a boost to the achievement of MDG 6 more broadly.
2. In recent discussions with WHO and Mr. Sampaio and his office, it is now clear that Mr. Sampaio is proposing that the co-sponsors of the event would include the World Health Organization; UNAIDS; the Global Fund; the World Bank, and the Stop TB Partnership, under the leadership of the Special Envoy to Stop TB.
3. In these discussions, as well as those with WHO and UNAIDS, it has been agreed that the Forum being proposed would be best suited to take place on 9 June 2008, the day before the General Assembly High-level Meeting on AIDS which will take place from 10-11 June 2008. Aside from the substantive link between the two events, having them back-to-back would also boost the chances of securing high-level attendance.
4. Mr. Sampaio has proposed the establishment of a Steering Committee to oversee preparations of the event. Members would include UNAIDS, the Global Fund, the World Bank and WHO. The Stop TB Partnership (housed in WHO) would provide the secretariat for this work. However, Mr. Sampaio is requesting your formal endorsement of the Forum before proceeding further.
5. UNAIDS and WHO are fully supportive of this Forum, and believe it will allow for a very important issue to be tackled and brought to the fore of the international health agenda. The Forum is a very good idea and though Mr. Sampaio's proposal is generally comprehensive and well thought-out, additional consultations would be required, including in the said Steering Committee, on the participants list before invitations are sent out. I would also suggest that the invitations be sent out under Mr. Sampaio's name.
6. I therefore recommend your endorsement of the proposal for this Forum. Subject to your approval, the attached draft letter to Mr. Sampaio has been prepared for your review and signature.
7. In light of the importance of this Forum, we would also recommend that you attend and deliver an opening address to this event.



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24 December 2007

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cc: Mr. Toon