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Dear Ms. Malcorra,

I am writing to request your kind support for two side-events that UNAIDS would like to organise, in collaboration with other partners, in September 2014:

- **22 September** - a high-profile side-event on "ICPD, SRHR and HIV: Advancing our Commitments Beyond 2014", to be held on the margins of the UN GA Special Session on ICPD Beyond 2014;

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- **24 September** - a high-level side-event on **"HIV/AIDS Beyond 2015: Stronger Partnerships, Better Treatment, Sustained Results."** We would highly appreciate if the **Secretary-General can participate at the event**, to reiterate his steadfast commitment to the AIDS response.

Please see below brief outlines for the two events. Both meetings will be organised in close collaboration with other partners, including Member States, UN system, civil society and private sector. Official invitation letter, together with more details, including Concept Notes, co-sponsors and invited speakers/participants, will be shared in due course.

UNAIDS would very much appreciate the support and guidance of your office for the proposed side-events, in particular with the following:

1. indicate time-slots on 24 September for the Secretary-General's availability / potential participation at the event,
2. support securing a large size conference room on 24 September (in line with the Secretary-General's availability) and on 22 September (preferably at lunch time).

Outline of event 1 – "ICPD, SRHR and HIV: Advancing our Commitments Beyond 2014"

HIV/AIDS is one of the main focus areas of the landmark Programme of Action adopted at the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), with underlying linkages to other key ICPD issues, such as sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), gender equality, and youth. In light of the indispensable relationship between population and development, the ICPD agenda will have a central place in the post-2015 development framework.

The event will aim to reinvigorate leadership and commitment of Member States to champion HIV, SRHR, gender equality and youth issues in the context of the post-2015 development agenda. It will reflect on the progress and challenges in implementation of the HIV-related commitments of the ICPD, especially with regard to women, adolescent girls and young people, and will seek to explore how to adequately position these issues in the post-2015 development agenda, to enable continued commitment and accountability.

The event will bring together senior representatives of Governments (Ministerial level) and the UN system (Deputy Executive Director of UNAIDS and possibly other UN agencies), as well as civil society, including women and young people living with HIV.

Outline of event 2 - "HIV/AIDS Beyond 2015: Stronger Partnerships, Better Treatment, Sustained Results"

Over the past 30 years, the global commitment and solidarity in responding to AIDS epidemic have yielded tremendous results and inspired a growing movement for an ambitious vision of ending AIDS. As stated in the Secretary-General's report (A/68/825), "the world has a historic opportunity to lay the foundation for ending the AIDS epidemic." However, the report also notes that "success is not assured." Indeed, the epidemic is far from over, and the hard-won gains need to be secured and sustained beyond 2015, if we are to end the epidemic.

It has also been widely recognised that treatment will play a pivotal role in achieving the ambitious vision of ending AIDS - both as a moral imperative of saving lives, and as a key element of the HIV prevention toolkit. While the international community is on track to reach the 2011 Political Declaration Commitment to provide ART to 15 million people by 2015, we are far off from achieving universal access to treatment, as more than half of people eligible for ART under the new WHO guidelines don't have access to it, with stark gaps in coverage among children and marginalised populations.

The event will aim to build on the momentum thus far to secure solid political support for ending the AIDS epidemic as an element of the post-2015 agenda, and to advance commitments that will help deliver on this bold vision. In particular, the event will seek to mobilise a strong global partnership to rapidly scale up and improve HIV treatment, as an essential element of ending the AIDS epidemic.

This high-level event will bring together several Heads of State and Government, as well as senior representatives from the UN (Secretary General, UNAIDS Executive Director) and other international organisations (e.g. Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria), civil society, including people living with HIV, and private sector, including pharmaceutical industry.

Thanks in advance for your kind consideration, and please let me know if you have any questions or feedback.

Best regards,

Simon

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