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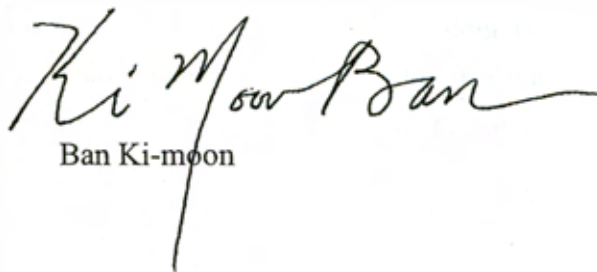
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Dear Mr. Sampaio,

I thank you for your letter of 28 February 2008, in which you invited me to take part in the first HIV-TB Global Leaders Forum to be held at United Nations Headquarters on 9 June 2008.

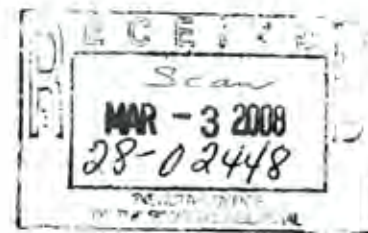
The forum comes indeed in a timely manner as we are currently mid-way towards the 2015 deadline for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. It will thus provide us with the opportunity to assess the road traveled and adjust our strategies in order to ensure decisive progress towards our Goals. Therefore, I am glad to confirm my participation in the event and reaffirm my continued commitment to fighting AIDS and promoting the achievement of the MDGs. I look forward to seeing you and the distinguished participants on the event date.

Yours sincerely,


Ban Ki-moon

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Excellency
Dear Secretary - General

I have the honor to inform you that you will soon receive an invitation to play a prominent role as a plenary-panel speaker at the first HIV-TB Global Leaders Forum, to be held at the UN Building in New York, on 9 June, 2008, at 15:00 hrs.

Allow me, Mr Secretary-General, to thank you for your support to this initiative, underscore the importance of this event and to express my hope that you will accept the invitation, as I believe your participation will make a critical contribution to its success.

The HIV-TB Global Leaders Forum will convene Heads of State and Government and other senior political officials together with leaders of civil society, foundations, private sector and media from different regions worldwide. It will be the first of what is to become, I hope, a landmark in the achievement the Millennium Development Goals related to tuberculosis and to HIV/AIDS - within the framework of the 2015 United Nations Millennium Development Goals - with measurable impact on individual health and well-being as well as global health security.

For global health security, the costs of not acting today are simply too high -- (a) for those ill with tuberculosis, (b) for the millions of persons living with HIV/AIDS being treated or awaiting anti-retroviral treatment, (c) and for the populations at large who are at risk of becoming infected and developing tuberculosis.

H.E.
The United Nations Secretary General
Mr Ban ki Moon
New York

Controlling tuberculosis is the protection of a fundamental human right, the contribution to socio-economic development and poverty alleviation among families, communities and nations, as well as an element for global human security.

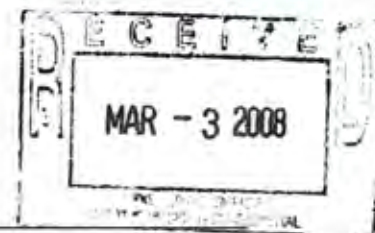
Despite the depth of these connections, tuberculosis is often not addressed explicitly in national poverty reduction strategies which impede the urgency of action against the killer. Furthermore, tuberculosis is quite often addressed as an isolated disease as if a National Plan to Control tuberculosis could succeed without aggressively addressing the HIV-AIDS-TB **co-infection** and facing the need for proper health systems and services. Furthermore, tuberculosis control in many high burden countries can be best achieved by enhancing partnership work among different constituencies and stakeholders.

The 3-hour agenda of the Forum would provide an opportunity for overview presentations on the global pandemic and to outline a joint strategy to scale up efforts to addressing HIV-TB co-infection. The Forum aims to achieve a unified international position on the accelerated and intensified action needed to respond to the deadly HIV-TB joint epidemic. It is expected that delegates will take forward the outcomes of the Global Leaders Forum, including a call for action to drastically cut the number of deaths associated with co-infection, that will directly influence the deliberations of delegations participating in the General Assembly session taking place on HIV on the 10th and 11th of June, also in New York.

I strongly believe that you would make an invaluable contribution to this Global Forum and that your presence would play a major part in its success. I very much hope that you will be able to accept this invitation.

Looking forward to hearing from you, please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration *and personal esteem*

Sincerely
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Subject: Letter from President Jorge Sampaio to His Excellency the Secretary General, Mr Ban
ki Moon

Dear Mr Nambiar

I have the pleasure to enclose a letter from President Sampaio to H.E the Secretary General. I
would appreciate if you could be kind enough to hand it to him.

Many thanks

With warm regards

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Note to the Secretary-General

**Secretary-General's Participation in the 2008 General Assembly
High-level Meeting on AIDS**

1. As you will recall, you addressed the General Assembly's annual review on AIDS this year on 21 May. An organizational resolution was passed in the General Assembly on 19 December calling for the next annual review to take place from 10-11 June 2008.
2. This next meeting, called a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS, will be at a higher level than was the 2007 meeting. It is expected that ministers, and possibly a number of Heads of State or Government, will attend.
- ✓ 3. **We strongly recommend that you address the General Assembly at the opening plenary on 10 June 2008.** Aside from sending another strong message of your support for the fight against AIDS, your participation at this important event will also help keep this important issue high on the international development and political agendas. It will also encourage high-level participation for this meeting.
4. In addition, and in keeping with past practice, I would like to add that ODSG is working with UNAIDS to identify a number of possible side events for your participation. These are important to reach out to a number of key constituencies and advocate action. While a more detailed proposal will be prepared for your consideration in due course, side events could include meetings with: your Special Envoys on AIDS, ✓ people living with HIV, the private sector, and civil society. **We would therefore also recommend that sufficient time be allocated on both 10 and 11 June to allow you to take part in a number of side events.** ✓
5. Finally, I have sent a separate note to you regarding a high-level forum on TB/HIV which Mr. Sampaio, your Special Envoy to Stop TB, is pulling together. In that note we also recommended that you take part in this event- which will likely take place on 9 June 2008 - and deliver an opening address.



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24 December 2007

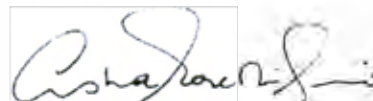
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June 2008

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