

WORLD AIDS DAY MESSAGE 2016**1 December 2016****Marc Angel****Chairman of the Committee for Foreign and European Affairs, for Defence, for Cooperation and Development and for Immigration, Luxembourg Parliament****Champion for the UNAIDS 90–90–90 Fast-Track Treatment Target**

Hello. My name is Marc Angel. As a long time AIDS activist and a member of the Luxembourg Parliament, I am very proud that Michel Sidibé of UNAIDS has appointed me last year champion of the 90-90-90 treatment target to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic by 2030.

90-90-90 means:

90% of persons living with HIV will know their status

90% of those diagnosed will receive treatment

And 90% of those on treatment will be virally suppressed

This ambitious target can only be reached if key and vulnerable populations, such as

- Prisoners
- Drug users
- Sex workers
- Men having sex with men
- Transgender persons
- Young women and girls
- Victims of sexual abuse

are no longer ignored.

My experience as a politician, traveling through many countries and continents has shown me that many governments still ignore or deny the rights of key populations.

It is vital to support and recognise as an ally civil society and community workers who are often the only ones working with and for key populations.

I therefore call on all parliamentarians worldwide to step up their efforts to encourage their governments to recognise and reach all key populations in full respect of their human rights and dignity as this is the only way that together we can reach 90-90-90!

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