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Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to provide you with a further update on progress of the Global Task Team and the Resource Needs Working Group.

Resource Needs Working Group

As agreed at the 9 March meeting, an update report on the Resource Needs process has been produced to outline the progress made so far, focusing on the assumptions that should then underline continuing work on developing resource needs estimates for AIDS. Please find the progress report attached.

The Resource Needs Technical Working Group met for the first time on Wednesday 4 May. The meeting was intended to set the context within which the technical guidance will be delivered to support the Resource Needs Steering Committee; to provide technical guidance for the refinement of AIDS resource needs estimates and to establish a list of priority activities, responsibilities and a timeline for moving forward. More details about the content and outcomes of this meeting can be found in the attached progress document. The official note for the record will be sent to the Steering Committee and the members of the Resource Needs Working Group.

Work is now underway for further data gathering to better inform the parameters and to guide the estimations of the resources needed. The next Steering Committee will be held on Tuesday May 17 and will focus on key components of the resource needs estimates including assumptions about levels of coverage for prevention, treatment, and mitigation and the potential cost implications.

The Global Task Team on Improving Coordination among multilateral institutions and international donors

As previously communicated, the first meetings of the three Working groups will commence today (Thursday 12 May) in Geneva. The Working Group on the Harmonization of Programming and Financing (WG I) will meet today and the Working Group on the Harmonization of Technical Support (WG II) will meet tomorrow, Friday 13 May. The Working Group on Harmonization of Monitoring and Evaluation (WG III) will meet next week on Wednesday 18 May.

Discussion papers for WG I and II have been finalized and sent to participants. The discussion paper for WG III is expected to be sent to participants at the end of the week.

Following the Working Group meetings, the Global Task Team will meet for the first time on 19 – 20 May in Geneva.

For these and other meetings within the Global Task Team and Resource Needs processes we will of course, keep you fully updated on progress and developments. A special web page has been created on the UNAIDS web site to house all the latest

updates and documents related to the two processes. The page can be consulted at:
<http://www.unaids.org/Unaid/EN/About+UNAIDS/What+is+UNAIDS/UNAIDS+at+country+level/The+Three+Ones/Follow+up+to+Making+the+Money+Work+meeting.asp>

Thank you for your continued support and participation in these two important initiatives. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Kind regards,

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