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Germany's critical financial commitment to the Fifth Replenishment of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Dear Chancellor Merkel,

The fight against the three most infectious diseases is at a historic tipping point. Since the beginning of the millennium, Malaria deaths decreased, new HIV infections dropped by 35 percent and the global incidence of Tuberculosis decreased by 18 percent. In the coming years, the international community could put an end to these epidemics and stem the human suffering they cause.

However, for achieving this ambitious objective, constant efforts remain vitally necessary, as everyday AIDS claims more than 3000 lives, small children in Sub-Saharan Africa still face a deadly risk of succumbing to Malaria, and only a quarter of those contracting multi-resistant Tuberculosis are diagnosed.

As a key instrument to finance prevention and treatment programmes, the Global Fund plays a pivotal role in the fight against these three infectious diseases and has been able to save 17 million lives. Moreover, the activities of the Global Fund have significantly contributed to health systems strengthening, fighting gender inequalities, supporting human rights, addressing the needs of the most vulnerable and marginalised, positively impacted maternal and child health and strengthened civil society inclusion and participation. We believe that the Global Fund results exemplify the broad impact needed to realise the sustainable development goals by 2030.

The Agenda 2030 was co-signed by Germany and entails significant efforts and contributions by every signatory to reach the seventeen goals, including the target to end the epidemics

of AIDS, TB and Malaria. The world has the adequate tools to achieve this target, but it now needs the political will and adequate funding to do so.

Germany's contribution to the Global Fund has increased insignificantly since the replenishment conference in Berlin 2007. Action against AIDS Germany estimates the fair share of the third biggest economy among donor countries to be no less than €1.2 billion for the fifth replenishment period 2017 to 2019. We appreciate Germany's support in the current struggle to meet the needs of those fleeing war and oppression, and believe that a significant increase of the contribution to the Global Fund will bolster the positive impact of its programmes in poor countries and challenging contexts, thus helping citizens to enjoy better health and prospects at home. An increase to at least €300 million in 2017 and planned further increases would be an important step in the right direction. This would reflect Germany's role as a global health champion and its willingness to adequately contribute to the end of these diseases.

Chancellor Merkel, you have been a strong supporter of the work of the Global Fund since its inception. You personally supported and attended the third replenishment conference in Berlin. We would ask you to support the proposed increase to Germany's contribution to the Global Fund in the forthcoming budget. This will help more people to gain access to prevention, diagnostics and treatment for the three most deadly and socio-economically devastating diseases: AIDS, TB and Malaria. It will also help the world to work towards the realization of the sustainable development goals and bring an end to the suffering of millions of people due to AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

Action against AIDS Germany, together with its international partners would like to thank you for your continued and unwavering support in this human endeavour!

Yours sincerely,



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