

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Organization of the 2021 high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS (Updates on the basis of A/Res/70/228)

The General Assembly,

Pp1 Reaffirming its commitment to the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS¹ and the Political Declarations on HIV/AIDS adopted at the high-level meetings of the General Assembly in 2006,² 2011³ and 2016⁴, (pp1 A/Res/70/228, updated)

Pp2 Recalling the HIV/AIDS-related goals and commitments contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,⁵ in the 2005 World Summit Outcome,⁶ and in the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals,⁷ and welcoming the achievement of the target of Millennium Development Goal 6 to have halted by 2015 and begun to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS, (based on pp2 and pp3 A/Res/70/228)

Pp3 Recognizing that, through the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development⁸ and its Sustainable Development Goals in September 2015, Heads of State and Government made a bold commitment to ending the epidemic of AIDS by 2030, and emphasizing its interlinkages with the other goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda, (based on PP5 A/Res/72/274)

Pp4 Recognizing also that through the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,⁹ Heads of State and Government supported research and development of vaccines and medicines, as well as preventive measures and treatments for communicable and non-communicable diseases, in particular those that disproportionately impact developing countries, (PP6, A/Res/72/274)

Pp5 Reiterating the commitment to the Decade of Action and Delivery for Sustainable Development, (new)

Pp6 Welcoming the significant gains achieved in the AIDS response, while noting with concern that progress has been uneven among and within countries, and that gains remain fragile and reversible without a renewed commitment and action, (based on pp3 A/Res/70/228)

¹ Resolution S-26/2, annex.

² Resolution 60/262, annex.

³ Resolution 65/277, annex.

⁴ Resolution 70/266, annex.

⁵ Resolution 55/2.

⁶ Resolution 60/1.

⁷ Resolution 65/1.

⁸ Resolution 70/1.

⁹ Resolution 69/313, annex.

Pp7 Expressing deep concern that even before the COVID-19 pandemic the world was not on track to meet the time-bound targets set out in the 2016 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS which will expire by the end of 2020, that the COVID-19 crisis has created additional setbacks and pushed the AIDS response even further off track, (based on pp3 A/Res/70/228, with updates to reflect COVID-19)

Pp8 Noting that 2021 will mark forty years since the first case of AIDS was reported and 25 years since UNAIDS began operations, (new)

Pp9 Recognizing that AIDS remains an urgent global health and development challenge, and recognizing also the need to address persistent challenges and gaps in the AIDS response, as well as the impact of the COVID-19 crisis and the underlying inequalities on which both epidemics thrive, (pp4 A/Res/70/228, with updates to reflect COVID-19)

1. *Decides* to convene a high-level meeting from xx - xx June 2021, which will undertake a comprehensive review of the progress on the commitments made in the 2016 Political Declaration towards ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030, and how the response, in its social, economic and political dimensions, continues to contribute optimally to progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the global health goal, including successes, best practices, lessons learned, obstacles and gaps, challenges and opportunities, including with regard to partnership and cooperation, and recommendations to guide and monitor the HIV/AIDS response beyond 2021, including new concrete commitments to accelerate action to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030 as well as to promote the renewed commitment and engagement of leaders, countries, communities and partners to accelerate a comprehensive universal and integrated response to HIV/AIDS; (op1 A/Res/70/228, with updates from para 79 A/Res/70/266)

2. *Also decides* that the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting should be as follows:

(a) The high-level meeting will consist of:

(i) an opening segment with statements by the President of the General Assembly, the UN Secretary-General, the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, a person openly living with HIV and an eminent person actively engaged in the response to HIV/AIDS; (op 2(b) A/Res/70/228)

(ii) a general debate with statements by Member States and observers of the General Assembly, the list of speakers shall be established in accordance with the established practices of the Assembly, and the time limit for the statements will be three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States; (based on op 2(c) A/Res/75/4)

(iii) up to five thematic panel discussions, which shall be held consecutively with general debate; (based on op2(a) A/Res/70/228)

(iv) a closing segment with statements from the chairs of the panel discussions, presenting summaries of the discussions; (based on 2(c) A/Res/70/228)

(b) The meetings will take place from 10am to 1pm and from 3pm to 6pm;

(c) The format of the meeting will be decided by April 2021 based on an assessment of the health conditions and in consultation with Member States;

3. *Encourages* the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General to give the highest visibility to the high-level meeting, through all relevant media platforms and information and communications technologies; (based on op 5 A/Res/75/4)

4. *Invites* Member States and observers of the General Assembly to participate and be represented at the highest level at the high-level meeting; (based on op3 A/RES/70/228)

5. *Encourages* Member States to include in their national delegations to the high-level meeting ministers from all relevant ministries, as appropriate, representatives such as parliamentarians, mayors of cities significantly affected by HIV/AIDS, representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations and organizations and networks representing people living with, at risk of and affected by HIV, women, adolescents and young persons, orphans, migrants, indigenous peoples, persons with disability, community organizations and faith-based organizations, academia and the private sector; (based on op4 A/RES/70/228)

6. *Invites* the United Nations system, including programmes, funds, specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and other relevant stakeholders, to participate in the high-level meeting, as appropriate, and urges them to consider initiatives in support of the preparatory process and the meeting; (based on op5 and op6 A/RES/70/228, streamlined)

7. *Invites* the Inter-Parliamentary Union to contribute to the high-level meeting; (op7 A/RES/70/228)

8. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to organize, no later than April 2021, and preside over an interactive multi-stakeholder hearing, with the active participation of people living with, at risk of and affected by HIV, appropriate senior-level representatives of Member States and observers of the General Assembly, parliamentarians, representatives of local governments, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, invited civil society organizations, philanthropic foundations, academia, medical associations, the private sector and broader communities, as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting, and further requests the President to prepare a summary of the hearing prior to the high-level meeting; (based on op8 A/RES/70/228, with updates from op6 A/Res/73/131)

9. *Invites* non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and non-governmental members of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint

United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS to participate in the high-level meeting, as appropriate; (op10 A/RES/70/228, updated)

10. *Decides* that representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, civil society organizations and the private sector – one from each grouping – to be selected during the interactive multi-stakeholder hearing, may also be included in the list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the high-level meeting, in consultation with the President of the General Assembly; (op11 A/RES/70/228, updated)

11. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector who may participate in the high-level meeting, including its panel discussions, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographic representation, with due regard for gender parity, and to bring the list to the attention of the Assembly; (based on op12 A/RES/70/228)

12. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, with support from the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and in consultation with Member States, to finalize the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting, including the arrangements for the interactive multi-stakeholder hearing no later than 15 April 2021, as well as the identification of a person openly living with HIV and an eminent person actively engaged in the response to HIV/AIDS to speak at the opening plenary meeting, and the identification of themes and finalization of the panel discussions no later than 7 May 2021; (op14 A/RES/70/228, updated)

13. *Requests* the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS to continue to facilitate, to the extent possible, inclusive consultations at the country and regional levels, with the participation of relevant stakeholders, including Governments, non-governmental organizations, civil society and the private sector, to review the progress made towards the achievement of the time-bound goals set out in the 2016 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS to be met by 2020, as well as opportunities to address gaps, obstacles and challenges; (op15 A/RES/70/228, updated)

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive and analytical report, at least six weeks prior to its consideration by the General Assembly, on progress achieved and challenges remaining in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment and the Political Declarations on HIV/AIDS, as well as recommendations for sustainable ways to overcome these challenges, taking into consideration the outcomes and findings of the aforementioned progress review consultations, as available; (op16 A/RES/70/228)

15. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to hold timely, open, transparent and inclusive consultations with all Member States, giving due consideration to the report of the Secretary-General and other inputs to the preparatory process for the high-level meeting, with a view to adopting a concise and action-oriented declaration as an outcome of the high-level meeting, to be agreed upon by Member States, which reaffirms and builds on the Declaration of Commitment and the Political Declarations to guide and monitor the HIV/AIDS response beyond 2020, towards achieving the commitment of ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030. (op17 A/RES/70/228)

