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Head of Delegation of the Principality of Monaco

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Mr. President,

I came here today to declare my solidarity with all those who are fighting against AIDS, a disease that does not spare any people and which still represents a terrible threat to all populations. All men, women and children cannot fight on an equal footing against this disease. Unfortunately, access to prevention, screening and treatment remains impossible to many.

Fully aware of the objectives of all the commitments made in this prestigious venue, Prince Rainier III of Monaco, my beloved late Father and My Brother, the Sovereign Prince Albert II, have wished, as early as 1997, that Monaco be associated to the actions of UNAIDS.

The Principality also contributes to the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria and, since last year, has taken part in the Accelerated Funds of the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS. Furthermore, my country commits itself to the Joint Campaign UNICEF/UNAIDS "Unite for Children, Unite against AIDS". Thus, it has joined Andorra, Liechtenstein and San Marino in financing a program in favor of the prevention of mother-to-child transmission.

I already commit myself personally, through my Association, FIGHT AIDS MONACO, to provide a more comprehensive and accessible information for all, and for the establishment of an effective prevention.

We intervene in schools and universities, help people whose lives are affected with the virus and support research. We fight on a daily basis so that the dignity of each HIV positive person is protected because any discrimination is intolerable; it is even more so when stigmatization worsens the physical pain caused by this disease.

I also commit myself in the framework of the Millennium Development Goals of which the fight against AIDS is an integral part.

As for the Principality of Monaco, it is committed to supporting the outstanding work of UNAIDS partners who, thanks to the leadership of its Executive Director, contribute relentlessly to gather efforts, overcome challenges and act with determination.

I think that it is my duty as a woman and a mother, to continue fighting with all my strength against this pandemic.