18 June, 2014

Excellency,

I refer to my letter of 19 May, 2014 informing of the appointment of H.E. Mr. Charles Ntwaagae, Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations, as facilitator to conduct informal consultations on my behalf on the draft decision entitled “Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS”, which was submitted under agenda item 10 of the General Assembly.

I am pleased to transmit a copy of the draft decision which was agreed following the third round of informal consultations held on 12 June, 2014. The text will be transmitted for issuance as an official document in preparation for its adoption by the General Assembly at the earliest opportunity, the date of which will be announced in the Journal.

I express my thanks to all delegations for their valuable contributions and constructive engagement in the informal consultations.

I take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks, and that of my Office, to Ambassador Ntwaagae for ably facilitating the informal consultations on the draft decision.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

John W. Ashe

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Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly

Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declarations on HIV/AIDS

The General Assembly,

Guided by the 2001 Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, the 2006 and 2011 Political Declarations on HIV/AIDS:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled “Towards ending the AIDS epidemic: meeting the 2015 targets and planning for the post-2015 era” and its recommendations as a contribution for consideration in the discussions on the formulation of the post-2015 development agenda, and acknowledges the progress achieved and the remaining challenges and gaps in the fight against HIV/AIDS;

(b) Decides to convene a high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS in 2016, preferably in the second half of the year, and to undertake necessary consultations to determine the modalities and organisational arrangements for such meeting during the 70th session of the General Assembly, but no later than December 2015;

(c) Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-ninth session the item entitled “Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declarations on HIV/AIDS”.

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1 Resolution S-26/2, annex.
2 Resolution 60/262, annex, and resolution 65/277, annex.
3 A/68/825.