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Report of the Secretary-General on progress towards implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS

Corrigendum

Paragraph 55 should read:

In accordance with the Declaration, national policies in almost all countries seek to address those activities and factors that place people at risk and make them vulnerable to HIV/AIDS. Some countries report having programmes under way which include information, education and awareness activities among a wide range of their vulnerable populations, including sex workers, men who have sex with men, mobile populations (including mine workers and truck drivers), homeless young people, injecting drug users, correctional inmates, military personnel and people affected by war or civil unrest. Efforts to prevent sexual trafficking are vital to reducing the vulnerability of young people, especially girls.

Paragraph 56 should read:

Prevention efforts must overcome many obstacles in order to reach vulnerable groups and foremost among these are logistical difficulties, stigma and discrimination. Inaccessibility of vulnerable populations is most often cited as a barrier to effective prevention by countries in regions where the epidemic is closely linked to injecting drug use, such as Asia and Eastern Europe. In some instances, national laws and the social and cultural norms that underpin them may further complicate the situation.

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