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#### 2013/11. Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2011/19 of 26 July 2011,

*Having considered* the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS,<sup>1</sup>

*Underscoring* the importance of the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: Intensifying our Efforts to Eliminate HIV and AIDS, adopted at the high-level meeting on HIV and AIDS of the General Assembly on 10 June 2011,<sup>2</sup> as a key reference for the 2011–2015 Strategy: Getting to Zero of the Joint Programme,

*Recalling* the 2011–2015 Strategy: Getting to Zero of the Joint Programme,

*Welcoming* the progress made in preventing new HIV infections among adults, adolescents and youth and progress towards the goal of eliminating new infections among children and keeping their mothers alive,

*Expressing deep concern* that, despite the progress made, critical challenges remain, namely, new infections in many countries and regions are on the rise, HIV prevention efforts are inadequately resourced and insufficiently implemented, and access to HIV prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care in low- and middle-income countries is yet to be brought to scale,

*Noting with appreciation* the unprecedented reporting on progress by 186 Member States, providing the most comprehensive overview to date of the response at the country level,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Urges* the Joint Programme to continue to support the full and effective implementation of the 2011 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: Intensifying our Efforts to Eliminate HIV and AIDS;<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> E/2013/62.

<sup>2</sup> General Assembly resolution 65/277, annex.



3. *Also urges* the Joint Programme, while implementing the 2011–2015 Strategy: Getting to Zero, to continue to support Governments in strengthening their national responses to the epidemic in accordance with their specific epidemiological situation, national contexts and priorities, while taking into due account the 2011 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS;

4. *Encourages* Governments, the United Nations system, civil society, local communities, families and the private sector to scale up efforts on an urgent basis to achieve the goals and targets contained in the 2011 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS and to fulfil the unfinished Millennium Development Goals that are relevant to HIV/AIDS, in particular Goal 6, including through sharing best practices and strengthening the capacities of developing countries;

5. *Recognizes* the importance of promoting international cooperation to support countries which are not on track to achieve the Millennium Development Goals that are relevant to HIV/AIDS, in particular Goal 6, by 2015;

6. *Acknowledges* the urgent need to close the AIDS resource gap, encourages countries to scale up their domestic funding for the HIV and AIDS response, and appeals to international donors to renew their commitments to and solidarity with the response, while ensuring value for money in the response;

7. *Stresses* the importance of ensuring that the HIV and AIDS response continues to be an important element of the post-2015 United Nations development agenda and of advocating for the inclusion of targets under relevant goals towards achieving zero new HIV infections, zero AIDS-related deaths and zero discrimination;

8. *Recognizes* the value of the lessons learned from the global HIV and AIDS response for the post-2015 development agenda, including the lessons learned from the unique approach of the Joint Programme;

9. *Also recognizes* that the Joint Programme offers the United Nations a useful example, to be considered, as appropriate, as a way to enhance strategic coherence, coordination, results-based focus and country-level impact, based on national contexts and priorities, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/226 of 21 December 2012 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 2015, a report prepared by the Executive Director of the Joint Programme in collaboration with its co-sponsors and other relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, on progress made in implementing a coordinated response by the United Nations system to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

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