

August 2, 2019

The Honorable António Guterres  
Secretary-General  
United Nations  
One UN Plaza.  
New York, NY 10017

**RE: Appointment of new leadership at The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS**

Dear Secretary -General Guterres,

On behalf of the Global AIDS Policy Partnership (GAPP), a U.S. based coalition of over 60 advocacy, research and implementing organizations committed to ending AIDS for the next generation by expanding and improving global HIV/AIDS programming, we would like to express our continued support for the work of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

We understand that you will be selecting among final candidates for the position of UNAIDS Executive Director. As you deliberate, the GAPP urges you to identify someone who will have the following qualifications and experience given the current state of the global HIV response, and the key leadership role UNAIDS plays in the response.

1. Have a demonstrated track record of visionary, innovative, and progressive leadership, preferably within the context of global health justice, human rights, and gender equality and an understanding of the role of human rights as an integral aspect of the global HIV response and the need to address social drivers of the epidemic.
2. Ability to work with and rally governments, global donors, and non-governmental actors to accelerate a rights-based, evidence-informed response to HIV and related coinfections.
3. Experience working with national governments and ministries in supporting, and challenging when necessary, implementation of plans in their national HIV response
4. Commitment to prioritizing access to comprehensive, evidence based, rights-based HIV prevention.
5. Have a demonstrated track-record working with, and for, communities most impacted by HIV, including people experiencing poverty and other vulnerable populations, and a recognition of the role they play at global, regional, national, sub-national and grassroots levels in the response to HIV.
6. Understanding of the importance of basing policy on the latest science, rapidly scaling delivery of scientific innovation, and the need for continued scientific research and innovation to success of the global HIV response.
7. Commitment to champion the importance of UNAIDS' continued existence as a distinct entity and to lead UNAIDS with a renewed and transformative commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, transparency, and safety.

The Global AIDS Policy Partnership stands committed to supporting you in moving the world closer to our common goal of ending the AIDS epidemic– we look forward to working closely with the new Executive Director, and please consider us a resource and an ally in the United States supporting robust investment and commitment to this fight.

Thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,

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AVAC  
Center for Health and Gender Equity  
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation  
Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria  
Global Network of Black People Working in HIV  
Housing Works  
International Partnership for Microbicides  
Palladium Group  
RESULTS  
Treatment Action Group