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23 November 2009

Dear Colleagues,

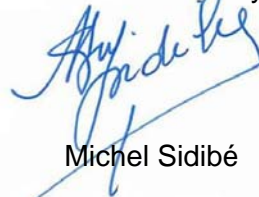
Let me start by thanking you for your letter of 3 November 2009.

The leadership of civil society organizations from the South in bringing together the global AIDS response and the work on sexual and reproductive health and rights is crucial to drive forward the agenda for women, girls, gender equality and HIV.

Your members, and civil society representatives in general, have contributed greatly to the process of developing the Operational Plan for the UNAIDS Action Framework: Addressing Women, Girls, Gender Equality and HIV. Following the intensive consultative process of the working groups and Global Task Force meetings, and the accompanying process of feedback and incorporation of comments, a final draft of the Operational Plan has been shared with the Global Task Force participants. The final version will be submitted to the meeting of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board on 8-10 December 2009.

For the successful implementation of the plan we need to combine the strengths of the UN system, civil society, governments and others. I count on our continued partnership to move this initiative forward and make a real difference to the lives of women and girls.

Yours sincerely,



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