STATEMENT ON THE GLOBAL FUND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH AND SELECTION

Geneva, Switzerland – The Communities Living with HIV and affected by Tuberculosis and Malaria Delegation (Communities Delegation) to the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) was represented by its Board and Alternate Board Members¹ at the Board Retreat on the 27th and 28th February 2017. At the Board Retreat, the Board agreed that it would continue to search for a new Executive Director² as the current Executive Directors’ tenure ends on the 31st May 2017³.

The Communities Delegation had the following positions and concerns prior to the Board Retreat:

- The ambitious timeframe of the recruitment process.
- Information had to be provided in a timely manner for the communities to consult amongst themselves on the track record of the recommended candidates on human rights, gender equality, community responses, and working with communities and civil society.
- The overall process was more challenging due to the withdrawal of a candidate from the pool of three.
- The Board has to have complete confidence in the process and to be united in terms of its decision-making to move things forward.

“As we relaunch the process for the selection of the Global Fund Executive Director, the Communities Delegation is confident in the Secretariat as a transition plan will be put in place to enable and empower the continued work of the Secretariat in a year that will be focused on country allocations, grant negotiations, and concretizing the Sustainability and Transition policies of the Global Fund.” says Mr Rico Gustav, Board Member of the Communities Delegation.

As the Board reopens the search process for the Global Fund Executive Director, the Communities Delegation will be closely monitoring the process to ensure that:

- The process engages a more diverse group of stakeholders, including communities and civil society for references, and includes a factual history of the candidates’ history of working in human rights, gender equality, and community systems strengthening.
- The process allows for candidates to demonstrate their clear understanding, vision, and leadership in implementing the Global Fund Strategy 2017 – 2022 and achieving its key performance indicators to serve the communities.

¹ Mr Rico Gustav, Interim Executive Director of Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+) and Ms Maurine Murenga, from International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW)
² The Global Fund Press Release is available here.
³ Mark Dybul informed the Board of the Global Fund two years ago that he intended to step down as Executive Director in 2017, after the completion of his four-year term. Mark Dybul will not extend his tenure beyond 31 May 2017.
• Donors commitments and confidence expressed in the Global Fund at the Board Retreat are upheld and that ongoing resource mobilization efforts continue.

“As one of the most transparent and credible private-public partnerships, the Communities Delegation is committed to ensure that the implementation of policies will continue to save lives of communities that the Global Fund was created to serve,” says Ms Maurine Murenga, Alternate Board Member of the Communities Delegation. “This is especially important while ongoing resource mobilization efforts are underway and we have explicit confidence from donors at the Board Retreat that they will continue to invest in one of the most innovative financing mechanisms that has been created.”

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