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## **HIV PREVENTION AND PROTECTION EFFORTS ARE FAILING WOMEN AND GIRLS**

**Sexual fidelity is no protection against HIV for women; studies show higher rates of infection by husbands and long-term partners**

**Urgent need for female-controlled HIV prevention methods**

**Twice as many young African women are infected with HIV than men; 4 out of 5 young women in worst-hit countries do not know enough about AIDS**

**Press Conference, Monday, 2 February 2004**

**WHAT:** Press conference to highlight the plight of women and girls in light of the growing global HIV/AIDS epidemic. Little is being done to address both the causes of women's vulnerability to HIV and the burden AIDS places on women as care-givers. To meet this challenge, over 20 eminent women and men have united to create a highly-visible pressure group – the Global Coalition on Women and AIDS. The Coalition will stimulate action on a number of fronts, including violence against women, HIV prevention for girls, and greater access to HIV care and treatment.

**WHO:**

- Ludfine Anyango, National HIV/AIDS Coordinator, ActionAid Kenya
- Peter Piot, Executive Director, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
- Mary Robinson, Executive Director, Ethical Globalization Initiative
- Emma Thompson, actress

**WHEN:** **Monday, 2 February 2004, 12.00-13.00**

**WHERE:** Commonwealth Secretariat, Marlborough House, Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5HX

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*There will be a photo opportunity with the Steering Committee of the Global Coalition on Women and AIDS at 13.45 at the Commonwealth Secretariat.*

