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***UN Secretary-General to brief the media on HIV/AIDS - 2 June 2005
12:30 p.m., Room 226***

- WHO:** United Nations Secretary-General **Kofi Annan** will brief the media on progress towards meeting targets set during the 2001 UN Special Session on HIV/AIDS. He will be accompanied by **Peter Piot**, UNAIDS Executive Director, and **Richard Feachem**, Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Earlier in the day the Secretary-General and Dr. Piot will address health ministers and other delegates gathered for the General Assembly High-Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS.
- WHAT:** **On 2 June 2005** the UN General Assembly will convene a day-long High-Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS at UN Headquarters in New York to review progress in realizing the commitments set out in **the 2001 Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS**. Delegates from over 120 Member States, including some 40 health ministers, will participate. They will:
- review progress made towards achieving the UN goals;
 - outline solutions and policies needed to meet the targets;
 - consider scaling up prevention and treatment efforts, expanding services to orphans, and mobilizing additional resources for fighting AIDS.
- WHEN:** Thursday, 2 June 2005
- WHERE:** United Nations Headquarters, 1st Avenue & 46th Street
- WEBCAST:** The press briefing and plenary meetings will be webcast at www.un.org/webcast.

SUMMARY OF KEY EVENTS:

Opening Plenary

10:00 – 10:45 am, General Assembly Hall (open to media)

A formal **plenary meeting** of the General Assembly will open with statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). The UN Secretary-General will present his report on the progress made so far and the need for an increased global response in order to meet the 2005 goals



agreed to by all UN Member States at the UN Special Session in 2001. The Plenary will then break into round tables: three in the morning and two in the afternoon.

Round Tables

A Member State representative nominated by each of the five regional groups will chair each round table, with the support of the executive heads of UNAIDS, its co-sponsoring agencies and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The chairpersons of the round tables will submit summaries of the round-table discussions to the President of the General Assembly for submission to the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly in September 2005, which will review, inter alia, the United Nations Millennium Declaration.

The round tables are closed to the media. Scene-setting photo-ops will be available for visual media at the start of each round table. Contact: DPI Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit, (212) 963-6934 or 6937.

The following round tables will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m:

1) ECOSOC Chamber*

Round table on prevention

2) Conference Room 5

Round table on HIV/AIDS and human rights with an emphasis on gender

3) Conference Room 6

Round table on resources

The following round tables will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m:

1) ECOSOC Chamber*

Round table on treatment, care and support

2) Conference Room 5

Round table on children orphaned and made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS

**Limited seats are available in the ECOSOC gallery for observers on a first-come first-served basis.*

Closing Plenary

A **closing plenary meeting** will be held from **5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** in the General Assembly Hall at which the President of the General Assembly will present a summary of the round table discussions based on the chairpersons' summaries.

Side events

Two side events (moderated discussions) organized by the cosponsoring agencies of UNAIDS will be held on 2 June from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room 4. This will provide an opportunity for Ministers, delegates, civil society participants and other invited guests not participating in an official roundtable at the time, to discuss additional topics relating to the AIDS epidemic. **The following side events are open to the media:**



Implementing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS

Global Crisis Global Action



Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNAIDS
UNHCR-UNICEF-WFP-UNDP-UNFPA
UNODC-ILO-UNESCO-WHO-WORLD BANK

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- 10:00 am-12:00 pm **Panel on “The Challenges of HIV/AIDS in Conflict and Post-Conflict Societies”** in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Jointly organized by the Permanent Missions of Sierra Leone, Cote d’Ivoire, Rwanda and Uganda
- 3.00-4.30pm **Eighth Open Forum for Partnerships on “The threat of the AIDS epidemic for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and its impact on the development prospects of LDCs”** in Conference Room 7. Organized by UN-OHRLLS - Keynote presentation will be made by Peter Piot, Executive Director of UNAIDS.

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- 11 am – 1pm **“Stigma and Discrimination”**: Moderated by George Alleyne, the UN Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean. Discussion between Ministers, other government representatives, heads of UN agencies and civil society, Conference Room 4.
- 1:15 – 2:30 pm **“Vaccines and Microbicides”**: Keynote address by Stephen Lewis, the UN Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa. Jointly organized by the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative and the International Partnership on Microbicides. West Terrace, Delegates Dining Room (space limited).
- 3:00 – 5:00 pm **“Meet the Leaders”**: Moderated by Nafis Sadik and Lars O. Kallings, the UN Secretary-General’s Special Envoys for HIV/AIDS in Asia and the Pacific and Eastern Europe, respectively. Discussion between Ministers, other government representatives, heads of UN agencies and civil society, including graduate students, on AIDS-related issues. Conference Room 4.

For background information, see www.unaids.org.

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