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The Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to His Excellency's note no.GA sp.session on HIV/AIDS dated 21 February 2003 has the honour to transmit herewith the reply of the relative authority of the Syrian Arab Republic to the questionnaire contained in page 62-69 of the entitled "Monitoring the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS - Guidelines on construction of core indications".

The Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.



His Excellency
Mr. Kofi Annan
Secretary-General
United Nations
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Action requested: P. De Lay

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International NCUS
Others
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Yes

No

No

No

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Strategic plan

1-Has your country developed multisectoral strategies to combat HIV/AIDS?
 (Multisectoral strategies should include, but not be limited to, the health, education, labour, and agriculture sectors.)

Yes ✓	No	N/A
Comments:		

2- Has your country integrated HIV/AIDS into its general development plans (such as its National Development Plans, United Nations Development Assistance Framework, Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers and Common Country Assessments)?

Yes ✓	No	N/A
Comments:		

3- Does your country have a functional national multisectoral HIV/AIDS management/Coordination body? (Such a body must have terms of reference or equivalent, defined membership, Action plans and staffing support, and should have met at least once in the last 12 months.)

Yes ✓	No	N/A
Comments: We have National AIDS committee which consist of concerned governmental organizations and NGOs .		

4-Does your country has a functional national HI V/AIDS body that promotes interaction among government, the private sector and civil society? (Such a body must have terms of reference or equivalent, defined membership, action plans and staffing support, and should have met at least once in the last 12 months.)

Yes ✓	No	N/A
Comments:		

5- Does your country has a functional HIV/AIDS body that assists in the coordination of civil society organizations?
(Such a body must have terms of reference or equivalent, defined membership, action plans and staffing support.
and should have met at least once in the last 12 months.)

Yes ✓	No	N/A
Comments:		

6- Has your country evaluated the impact off HIV/AIDS on its socioeconomic status for planning purposes?

Yes ✓	No	N/A
Comments:		

7-Does your country have a strategy that addresses HIV/AIDS issues among its national uniformed services,
including armed forces and civil defence forces?

Yes ✓	No	N/A
Comments:		

Prevention

1- Does your country have a general policy or strategy to promote information, education and communication (IEC) on HIV/AIDS?

Yes ✓	No	N/A
Comments:		

2- Does your country have a policy or strategy promoting reproductive and sexual health education for young people?

Yes ✓	No	N/A
Comments:		

3- Does your country have a policy or strategy that promotes IEC and other health interventions for groups with high or increasing rates of HIV infection? (Such groups include, but are not limited to, youth, IDUs, MSM, sex workers, mobile populations and prison inmates.)

Yes ✓	No	N/A
If yes, please list the groups: Youth, IDUs, MSM, sex workers, mobile populations and prison inmates.		
Comments:		

4- Does your country have a policy or strategy that promotes IEC and other health interventions for cross-border migrants?

Yes ✓	No	N/A
Comments:		

5- Does your country have a policy or strategy to expand access, including among vulnerable groups, to essential preventative commodities? (These commodities include, but are not limited to, condoms, sterile needles and HIV tests.)

Yes ✓	No	N/A
If yes, please list		
Groups: Youth in & out school Sex worker. MSM	Commodities: IEC, VCT Condom promotion & VCT	
Comments:		

6- Does your country has a policy or strategy to reduce mother-to-child HIV transmission?

Yes ✓	No	N/A
Comments:		
There is a national strategy to prevent MTCT (Health education, VCT, AZT)		

Human rights

1. Does your country have laws and regulations that protect against discrimination people living with HIV/AIDS (such as general non-discrimination provisions and those that focus on schooling, housing, employment, etc.)?

Yes ✓	No	N/A
Comments: * HIV/AIDS patients have all their civilization rights, which conserved by law. - No isolation, neither discrimination. - Right to work. - Health cares. * Developing a new law for communicable disease.		

2. Does your country has laws and regulations that protect against discrimination groups of people identified as being especially vulnerable to HIV/AIDS (i.e., groups such as IDUs, MSM, sex workers, youth, mobile populations, and prison inmates)?

Yes ✓	No	N/A
If yes, please list the groups: Youth, mobile populations, and prison inmates		
Comments:		

3. Does your country has a policy to ensure equal access for men and women to prevention and care, with emphasis on vulnerable populations?

Yes ✓	No	N/A
Comments: The national policies and strategies address the gender dimensions, which place women and girls at particular risk of HIV infection.		

4. Does your country has a policy to ensure that HIV/AIDS-research protocols involving human subjects are reviewed and approved by an ethics committee?

Yes ✓	No	N/A
Comments:		

Care and support

1-Does your country has a policy or strategy to promote comprehensive HIV/AIDS care and support, with emphasis on vulnerable groups? (Comprehensive care includes, but is not limited to. VCT, psychosocial care, access to medicines, and home and community-based care.)

Yes ✓	No	N/A
If yes, please list		
Groups: - HIV/AIDS infected people - Partner of HIV/AIDS infected people	Commodities: - VCT, psychosocial care, access to medicines, and home and community-based care. - VCT, psychosocial care	
Comments:		

2-Does your country has a policy or strategy to ensure or improve access to HIV/AIDS related medicines, with emphasis on vulnerable groups? (HIV/AIDS-related medicines include antiretrovirals and drugs for the prevention and treatment of opportunistic infections and palliative care.)

Yes ✓	No	N/A
If yes, please list		
Groups: - HIV/AIDS infected people - HIV infected pregnant women	Commodities: - HIV/AIDS-related medicines include antiretrovirals and drugs for the prevention and treatment of opportunistic infections and palliative care. - AZT, condom promotion, prevention and treatment of opportunistic infections and palliative care.	
Comments:		

3-Does your country has a policy or strategy to address the additional needs of orphans and other vulnerable children?

Yes ✓	No	N/A
Comments:		

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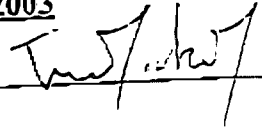
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| 3) Was the report discussed in a large forum? | <u>Yes</u> | No |
| 4) Are the survey results stored centrally? | <u>Yes</u> | No |
| 5) Are data available for public consultation? | <u>Yes</u> | No |

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