

UNAIDS EXPRESSES SADNESS AT DEATH OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST

Geneva, 13 October 2004 – It is with a tremendous sense of loss that we acknowledge the tragic news of the sudden death of Paulo Longo, Coordinator of the Network of Sex Work Projects (NSWP) in Brazil and human rights activist.

Paulo was expected to join the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board shortly as an alternate NGO member. “Paulo was a friend of UNAIDS and a leader in defending the rights of marginalised people worldwide, including people living with HIV,” said Dr Peter Piot, UNAIDS Executive Director. “It is in sadness and solidarity that we reach out to his family and many friends all over the world. Paulo and his work will live long amongst us all for many years to come.”

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