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Overview of UN High Level Meeting June 8-10, 2011

As the first day of the UN High Level Meeting on AIDS comes to an end, I wanted to provide you with an up-date on the progress being made and the PMTCT announcement that will be coming tomorrow. Our objectives entering this meeting were to showcase the enormous progress that has been made in the fight against AIDS, thanks largely to the United States, and reaffirm the Obama Administration's strong commitment to the fight as part of a shared responsibility among all nations.

First, the UN Security Council unanimously approved on Tuesday a resolution on HIV/AIDS affirming AIDS as a security issue and the continued need for urgent, coordinated action to address the global epidemic including conflict and post-conflict situations. The USG drafted and co-sponsored the resolution.

Today, the negotiations concluded surrounding the UN HLM Outcome Declaration that will set the course for action on the HIV/AIDS front over the next five years.

Overall, the United States did exceedingly well in the negotiations. The Declaration affirms US support for intensified efforts while calling for shared responsibility by all Member States to achieve these goals.

The highlights of the Declaration are:

- **Treatment goal and universal access:** We successfully secured our language on the treatment goal with the inclusion of the words "working towards 15 million people living with HIV on antiretroviral treatment by 2015". This preserved the phrase universal access which has been critical language since the 2006 UNGA HLM, but stepped back from the word "ensure" which could imply financial obligation on the US (and Gayle's broader concerns). Under the agreed-upon language, there are no additional financial obligations placed on the USG.

- **Resource commitments:** We successfully secured language stating a commitment to work towards closing the global HIV and AIDS resource gap by 2015, currently estimated by UNAIDS to be US \$6 billion annually, through greater strategic investments and continued domestic and international funding. We did not agree to any new financial targets. Annual resource needs for the global HIV/AIDS response were recognized to be significant, but were cast in the framework of "shared responsibility" and emphasized the importance of increasing national (domestic) resources in meeting that need.

Eric