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PARIS DECLARATION ON FAST-TRACK CITIES

We stand at a defining moment in the HIV response. Due to scientific breakthroughs, community activism, and political commitment, we have an opportunity to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 3.3 of ending the HIV epidemic by 2030. Cities and municipalities have been heavily affected by the epidemic and have been at the forefront of responding to HIV. Cities and municipalities are uniquely positioned to lead Fast-Track action towards achieving the United Nations (UN) 95-95-95 and other relevant targets. Attaining these targets will place us on a trajectory towards getting to zero new HIV infections and zero AIDS-related deaths.

We recognize that ending the HIV epidemic requires a comprehensive approach that allows all people to access quality life-saving and -enhancing prevention, treatment, care, and support services for HIV, tuberculosis (TB), and viral hepatitis. Integrating these services into sexual, reproductive, and mental health services is critical to achieving universal access to health care.

We can eliminate stigma and discrimination if we build our actions on scientific evidence. Understanding that successful HIV treatment and viral suppression prevents HIV transmission (Undetectable=Untransmittable) can help reduce stigma and encourage people living with HIV to initiate and adhere to HIV treatment.

Working together, cities and municipalities can accelerate local actions towards ending the HIV, TB, and viral hepatitis epidemics globally by 2030. As called for by the *New Urban Agenda*, we will leverage our reach, infrastructure, and human capacity to build a more equitable, inclusive, prosperous, and sustainable future for all our residents, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, and social and economic circumstances.

WE COMMIT TO:

1. End HIV epidemics in cities and municipalities by 2030

We commit to achieve the 95-95-95 and other Fast-Track targets, which will put us firmly on the path to ending the HIV, TB, and viral hepatitis epidemics by 2030. We commit to provide sustained access to quality HIV testing, treatment, and prevention services, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), in support of a comprehensive approach to ending the HIV epidemic that also addresses TB, viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted infections, mental health, substance use disorders, and comorbidities associated with aging with HIV. We will eliminate HIV-related stigma and discrimination.

2. Put people at the centre of everything we do

We will focus our efforts on all people who are vulnerable to HIV, TB, viral hepatitis, and other diseases. We will help to realize and respect the human rights of all affected people and leave no one behind in our city and municipal HIV, TB, and viral hepatitis responses. We will meaningfully include people living with HIV in decision-making around policies and programmes that affect their lives. We will act locally and in partnership with our communities to galvanize global support for healthy and resilient societies and for sustainable development.

3. Address the causes of risk, vulnerability, and transmission

We will use all means, including municipal ordinances, policies, and programmes, to address factors that make people vulnerable to HIV and other diseases, including laws that discriminate against or criminalize key populations. We will ensure that people affected by HIV enjoy equal participation in civil, political, social, economic, and cultural life, free from prejudice, stigma, discrimination, violence, or persecution. We will work closely with communities, clinical and service providers, law enforcement and other partners, and with marginalized and vulnerable populations, including slum dwellers, migrants and other displaced people, young women, sex workers, people who use drugs, gay men and other men who have sex with men, and transgender individuals, to foster social equity.

4. Use our HIV response for positive social transformation

Our leadership will leverage innovative social transformation to build societies that are equitable, inclusive, responsive, resilient, and sustainable. We will integrate health and social programmes to improve the delivery of services, including for HIV, TB, viral hepatitis, and other diseases. We will use advances in science, technology, and communication



to drive the social transformation agenda, including within the context of efforts to ensure equal access to education and learning.

5. Build and accelerate an appropriate response reflecting local needs

We will develop and promote services that are innovative, safe, accessible, equitable, and free from stigma and discrimination. We will encourage and foster community leadership to build demand for, and to deliver, quality services that are responsive to local needs.

6. Mobilize resources for integrated public health and sustainable development

Investing in the HIV response together with a strong commitment to public health and sustainable development is a sound investment in the future of our municipality that will yield increased productivity, shared prosperity, and the overall well-being of our citizens. We will adapt our municipal plans and resources for a Fast-Track response to HIV, TB, viral hepatitis, and other diseases within the context of an integrated public health approach. We will develop innovative funding strategies and mobilize additional resources to end the HIV epidemic by 2030.

7. Unite as leaders

We commit to develop an action plan to guide our city and municipal Fast-Track efforts, embrace the transparent use of data to hold ourselves accountable, and join with a network of cities and municipalities to make the *Paris Declaration on Fast-Track Cities* a reality. Working in broad consultation with everyone concerned, we will regularly measure our results and adjust our responses to be faster, smarter, and more effective. We will support other cities and municipalities and share our experiences, knowledge, and data about what works and what can be improved. We will report annually on our progress.



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