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Excellency,

As our Regional Group consultations on the panel themes and arrangements for the 2011 General Assembly High-level Meeting on HIV/AIDS near completion, we are pleased to convene an open briefing for the purposes of reporting back to Member States on the results of those consultations. The briefing will be held on 7 April 2011 at 10.00 a.m. in the ECOSOC Chamber (NLB), once consultations with all Regional Groups have been completed.

During our consultations with Regional Groups, we are inviting Member States wishing to provide further feedback on the panel themes to contact our Missions at expert level by 6 April 2011. We would also like to take this opportunity to encourage experts from all Missions to contact our staff to ensure all feedback is received before our results are presented to the President of the General Assembly after the 7 April meeting. Relevant contact details are attached.

Once we have presented our results to the President of the General Assembly, he will make a final determination on the panel themes and other organisational arrangements, as required by Resolution 65/180.

We have also invited Mr. Michel Sidibé, Executive Director of UNAIDS, to participate in the briefing on 7 April. Mr Sidibé will brief Member States on the current status of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, the progress made to date and the remaining challenges. He will also highlight the key findings and recommendations of the Secretary-General's report on HIV/AIDS which was released on 28 March 2011.

We look forward to your active participation at the meeting and continued engagement in this important process.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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**EXPERT LEVEL CONSULTATIONS ON PANEL THEMES**

**2011 High Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS**

Mission experts are invited to contact any or all of the following experts **before 6 April** to arrange a time to discuss their feedback on the themes for the panel discussions that will take during the High-level Meeting on HIV/AIDS (8-10<sup>th</sup> June 2011).

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