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Excellency,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from H.E. Mr. Roble Olhaye, Permanent Representative of Djibouti, in his capacity as the Chairman of the African Group for the month of June 2013 in reference to the draft decision concerning agenda item 11 " Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declarations on HIV/AIDS", issued as A/67/L.69.

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


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June 6, 2013

Mr. President,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairman of the African Group for the month of June 2013 and in reference to your letter dated 31 May 2013 concerning the agenda item 11 "Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declarations on HIV/AIDS" together with the draft decision, I have the honor to inform you that the African Group has reviewed the Report of the Secretary General A/67/822 "Accelerating the AIDS response: achieving the targets of the 2011 Political Declaration".

The African Group would like to seize this opportunity to express its gratitude to the Secretary General for his report and to you personally for the draft decision put forward for the consideration of the Member States.

In my capacity as Chairman of the African Group, I would like to convey to you the concerns expressed by the African States vis-a-vis paragraph (a) of the draft resolution, in particular the word "Welcomes" and would like to substitute it with "Notes or Takes note".

The African Group is aware that the wording of this draft decision is exactly the same as the one adopted last year, General Assembly Decision 66/562. Nonetheless the African Group, after having thoroughly considered this year's report, has concluded that it differs from the one of last year and accordingly the draft decision should be worded differently and as mentioned above.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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