

UNGA High Level Meeting

HIV/AIDS

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“Getting ahead of the looming treatment crisis: An Action Agenda for Getting to 90-90-90”

Summary statement at the Panel

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India is committed to provide comprehensive services that encompass requirements of prevention, treatment, care and support to all its citizens to achieve the goal of ending AIDS by 2030.

2. In the context of this panel discussion I will reiterate my Government's commitment to work towards achieving the 90-90-90 treatment targets by 2020. We have made considerable progress over the last few years in providing ARV treatment to almost a million people. We are working to ensure that we reach out and detect those infected with HIV and fast track our efforts in providing treatment to men, women and children without leaving any one behind. And equitable and easy access to treatment for most affected and vulnerable Populations that are key to the epidemic need to be ensured without any stigma and discrimination. In addition we also need to ensure required linkages to various social protection schemes for those infected and affected by HIV

2. We are well aware of the role that generic pharmaceutical manufacturers from India have played in initiating ARV treatment for over 17 million people by providing affordable and high quality ARV drugs. We will continue to provide this support to the global community in ending AIDS by 2030. We would remind the global community that, to continue the important role our generic pharmaceutical industry plays in this endeavor, TRIPS related flexibilities need to continue.

3. We have plans to increase access to high quality ARV treatment through our public health system in collaboration with the private sector and community based organisations. We are paying special attention to take care of hard-to-reach populations, mainly populations that are key to the epidemic, with testing and treatment services. We will need to front load our investments substantially to almost double the number of people on ARV treatment in less than 5 years. We however need to always remember that in low prevalence countries with concentrated epidemic, the focus on prevention is not lost.

4. We are not underestimating the task ahead and will look to taking forward the momentum of the 90-90-90 approach to achieve end of AIDS in partnership with the international community.

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