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H.E. Mr. Pavlo Rozenko
Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine
Verkhovna Rada
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Your Excellency,

With this letter we would like to kindly refer to the three TB/HIV grants that are funded by the Global Fund in Ukraine and are implemented by the three Principle Recipients respectively Alliance for Public Health, Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS and the UCDC and would like to draw your attention to the fulfillment of the grants' related conditions.

As you know, all three grants are worth of USD 134 million and are for the period of 2015-2017. We jointly with the national and the international stakeholders have put the efforts to align the above-mentioned grants to the National TB and HIV programmes/strategies. For example while all three grants aim at to reduce TB and HIV related morbidity and Mortality in Ukraine, the grants are fully aligned with the National HIV/AIDS Plan 2014-2018. With the above-mentioned alignment, the national programme and respectively the grants imply gradual transition of TB and HIV treatment and prevention and care programmes to the state funding. In this regard number of legally binding conditions are included and signed as part of the grants' confirmations (agreements). For easy reference please see attached the grant confirmations for all three grants.

One of the conditions that is part of the grant agreements stipulates that the Government of Ukraine will be gradually takin over the patients on Methadone Substitution Therapy starting from the year 2016. Taking into account the financial difficulties in 2015, as an exception, we allowed reinvestment of grants' savings into MST programme to allow uninterrupted service delivery for about 9,000 patients. The above mentioned exception allows to provide service delivery until end of the first quarter of 2017. Starting from second quarter of 2017, the GF grants will cover only 2,300 patients and the Government of Ukraine will be takin over about 7,000 patients that are currently on the MST and would also be responsible for achievement of the national target which in its turn aims at provision of MST services for 17,593 injecting drug users.

We would like to emphasize that above condition also addresses TB/HIV treatment and prevention care programmes and is legally empowered to withheld 15% of allocation for Ukraine, later equals to USD 27 million.

We would like to seek for your support in providing to GF the official proof of intention through demonstrating the fund allocation for the MST programme by the Government of Ukraine as soon as possible and not later than November-December 2016. Inability to fulfill the conditions that are

part of the grants' confirmations will obligate the GF to withhold the above-mentioned allocation and deny utilization of these funds.

We cordially hope to hear from you soon and looking forward to meet during the week of September 11, 2016.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the efforts that have been rendered by the Government of Ukraine in implementing the Global Fund grants and in combating the TB/HIV burden on the country.

Sincerely,

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