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VIP Speaker Bios

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Paul Bekkers (*Netherlands*), *Ambassador for HIV/AIDS and Director, Social and Institutional Development Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

Paul Bekkers has served in the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs for over 15 years and was named Ambassador for HIV/AIDS and Director of the Social and Institutional Development Department in 2005. His positions prior to this appointment included Deputy Head of mission at the embassy in Ankara; Head of the International Cultural Policy Department and Deputy Ambassador for Cultural Co-operation; Head of Cultural and Environmental Affairs at the embassy in Pretoria; and Policy Advisor in the Humanitarian and Emergency Aid Section. Mr. Bekkers holds an LL.M. with a major in international law from the University of Nijmegen.

Hydeia Broadbent (*United States*), *Director, Hydeia & Friends*

Hydeia Broadbent was abandoned in the hospital at birth, adopted by Patricia and Loren Broadbent as an infant, and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. Although her HIV condition was congenital, she was not diagnosed as HIV-positive until age three with the prognosis that she would not live past age five. At age six, Ms. Broadbent became an AIDS activist and public speaker during one of her hundreds of hospital visits.

By age 12, Ms. Broadbent was appearing on television programs such as *Oprah*, *20/20*, *Good Morning America* and *A Conversation with Magic Johnson*. Over the next 10 years she became a featured speaker or guest panellist at some of the United States' most respected educational institutions, including Clark Atlanta University, Duke University, Howard University, the University of California, Los Angeles, and the University of Southern California. In 1996, Ms. Broadbent brought the face of AIDS to the Republican National Convention. She has been featured in educational videos for Nickelodeon, MTV and BET. She is a 1999 Essence Award recipient and received the Red Cross Spirit Award. Ms. Broadbent recently founded Hydeia & Friends, an organization committed to providing young people a clear understanding of how to avoid at-risk behaviours through self-examination and informed decision-making.

Richard Burzynski (*Canada*), *Executive Director, International Council of AIDS Service Organizations*

Richard Burzynski is Executive Director of the International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO), an organization he co-founded with other leading AIDS activists over ten years ago. ICASO is one of five international co-organizers of AIDS 2006 and Mr. Burzynski is a member of the AIDS 2006 Conference Organizing Committee.

A Canadian AIDS activist, Mr. Burzynski has worked in the AIDS field for over 20 years and been active at the local, national and international levels in the areas of advocacy and policy development. Through ICASO, Mr. Burzynski has been an advocate for building the capacity of community-based AIDS service organizations, especially in the developing world, and has worked to promote their agendas with donors, governments, multi-lateral agencies, the

private sector, and the media. A frequent speaker and moderator, he serves as a principal co-organizer representative of the biennial International AIDS Conferences. Additionally, he helped shape the architecture of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria as a member of the Transitional Working Group. He frequently serves as an advisor to UNAIDS. At AIDS 2006, ICASO is co-organizing a number of activities, including a stream of sessions and activities focusing on men who have sex with men and on civil society monitoring and accountability related to the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS (UNGASS) declaration.

Pedro Cahn, MD, PhD (*Argentina*), *President-elect, International AIDS Society and President, Huésped Foundation*

Dr. Pedro Cahn is President of Huésped Foundation, one of the major Argentinean AIDS organizations, which he co-founded in 1988. Huésped Foundation works in the areas of clinical research, prevention and direct services for people living with HIV/AIDS. Dr. Cahn also serves as Chief of the Infectious Disease Unit at Juan A. Fernandez Hospital, and as Assistant Professor in Infectious Diseases at the Buenos Aires University Medical School, where he received his medical degree. His doctoral thesis from the same university is on septic liver.

Dr. Cahn has chaired the Argentinean AIDS Society and the AIDS Committee of the Pan-American Society of Infectious Diseases. He has also served several times as external advisor to the World Health Organization and the Pan-American Health Organization, completing missions in Zaire, Ethiopia and Honduras, among others.

Liviana Calzavara, PhD (*Canada*), *Local Co-Chair, Scientific Programme Committee, AIDS 2006 and Associate Professor, University of Toronto*

Dr. Liviana Calzavara is Associate Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto. She is a founding member and Deputy-Director of the Social, Behavioral and Epidemiological Studies Unit, which specializes in education and research related to the social and behavioral aspects of HIV/AIDS among marginalized populations. Dr. Calzavara's research integrates epidemiological and social science disciplines to provide a better understanding of HIV transmission and prevention. She has contributed to knowledge on HIV prevalence in different populations, the nature and prevalence of high-risk behaviours in target populations, and the micro and macro level determinants of behaviour (i.e. psychological, social, cultural, economic and political) that put persons at risk for HIV, HCV and other STDs and impede the adoption of preventive measures.

Dr. Calzavara has been active in training, capacity-building and research in other countries, including Russia and China. She is past Co-Chair of the Ministerial Council on AIDS and was recently appointed to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research HIV/AIDS Advisory Committee. She has been involved on national committees and working groups that have steered the evolution of the Canadian Strategy on HIV/AIDS. She is currently President of the Canadian Association for HIV Research. Dr. Calzavara is a graduate of the Department of Sociology at the University of Toronto.

Frika Chia Iskandar (*Indonesia*), *Advisor, Asia Pacific Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (APN+)*

Ms. Chia Iskandar is a 24-year-old Indonesian woman who has known for more than five years that she is HIV-positive. Initially, her family rejected her—but her parents have become educated about AIDS and together they have started a support group for parents with HIV-positive children.

Ms. Chia Iskandar is founder of PITA Foundation-Jakarta, which is involved in programmes for HIV/AIDS-affected communities, people living with HIV/AIDS, and volunteers and advocates on behalf of the rights of women and youth. Ms. Chia Iskandar served as Co-Chair of APN+ from 2002-2005 and as a board member of the Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS from 2003-2005. She continues her advocacy as a member of the International Treatment Preparedness Coalition, TREATAsia and other networks nationally in Indonesia and internationally. An advocate for human rights, access to treatment, and the empowerment of women and youth, she believes in the power of peer-support and peer-approach as the key to effective HIV/AIDS treatment programs.

Donna Christen-Christensen, MD (*United States*), *U.S. Virgin Islands Delegate to Congress*

The Honorable Donna M. Christensen is currently serving her fifth term as U.S. Virgin Islands Delegate to Congress. She is the first female physician in the history of the U.S. Congress, the first woman to represent an offshore Territory, and the first woman Delegate from the United States Virgin Islands. Delegate Christensen is a Member of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) and chairs the CBC's Health Braintrust. The Health Braintrust oversees and advocates minority health issues, including issues related to HIV/AIDS, both nationally and internationally. Delegate Christensen serves on the Committee on Resources, which oversees territorial and public land issues, the Committee on Small Business, which oversees entrepreneurship and business activities and on the Homeland Security Committee, which oversees preparing the nation to prevent and withstand attack.

Delegate Christensen earned an MD from George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, DC, interned at Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco, and did her residency in family medicine at Howard University Medical Center in Washington, DC. After practicing medicine for some time, she served as the Territorial Assistant Commissioner of Health and as the Acting Commissioner of Health for the U.S. Virgin Islands. She maintained a private practice in family medicine from 1975 until her election to Congress in 1996.

Tony Clement (*Canada*), *Minister of Health*

Tony Clement was elected to the House of Commons in 2006, representing Parry Sound-Muskoka. He was subsequently appointed Minister of Health and Minister for the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario (FedNor). Mr. Clement is also the Chair of the Social Affairs Committee of Cabinet.

Prior to this, Mr. Clement was a member of Ontario's provincial legislature from 1995 to 2003. In 1997, Mr. Clement was appointed Minister of Transportation. In 1999, became Minister of Environment and, later, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. In 2001, he was appointed Minister of Health and Long Term Care. As Health Minister, he was responsible for a ministry with a \$28 billion budget. He initiated primary care reform, created the successful Telehealth system, oversaw the expansion of the hospitals system and provided leadership for the country during SARS.

Prior to his election, Mr. Clement was counsel to a national law firm, a Visiting Fellow at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law and was a small business owner. Mr. Clement holds a Bachelor of Arts in political science and a law degree from the University of Toronto.

President William J. Clinton (*United States*), *William J. Clinton Foundation*

Elected President of the United States in 1992, and again in 1996, President Clinton was the first Democratic president to be awarded a second term in six decades. President Clinton previously served as the Governor of Arkansas, chairman of the National Governors' Association and Attorney General of Arkansas.

After leaving the White House, President Clinton established the William J. Clinton Foundation to strengthen the capacity of people in the United States and throughout the world to meet the challenges of global interdependence. To achieve this, the Clinton Foundation is focused on four critical areas: health security, with an emphasis on HIV/AIDS; economic empowerment; leadership development and citizen service; and racial, ethnic and religious reconciliation. The Clinton Presidential Center, located in Little Rock, Arkansas, is comprised of the Library, the archives, Clinton Foundation offices and the Clinton School of Public Service.

Following the XIV International AIDS Conference in Barcelona in 2002, President Clinton began the Clinton Foundation HIV/AIDS Initiative (CHAI) to assist countries in implementing large-scale, integrated care, treatment, and prevention programs. CHAI partners with African, Caribbean and Asian countries to develop operational business plans to scale up care and treatment. It also works with individual governments and provides them with technical assistance, human and financial resources, and know-how from the sharing of best practices across projects. The ultimate objective in each of these countries is to scale up public health systems to ensure broad access to high-quality care and treatment.

Evan Collins, MD, FRCPC (*Canada*), *Local Co-Chair, Community Programme Committee, AIDS 2006, and physician, Hassle Free Clinic*

Dr. Evan Collins is a physician, researcher, HIV advocate and person living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). He is Co-Chair of the Community Programme Committee for AIDS 2006 and serves on the Conference Organizing Committee.

Dr. Collins' involvement with HIV/AIDS dates to 1984 when he was an early board member of the AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT). He rejoined ACT's Board of Directors in 1999 and served two terms as Chair. He previously served on the University of Toronto Research and Ethics Board for HIV/AIDS and has been a director of the Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange. He is a member of the Ontario Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS and also served on the federal Ministerial Council on HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Collins is a physician at the Hassle Free Clinic, a sexual health clinic and anonymous HIV testing site in Toronto, and a psychiatrist with the community mental health team. He is Clinical Adjunct Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto. He has conducted quality-of-life research on PLWHA and published on the impact of lipodystrophy on quality-of-life. He is currently studying mental health and depression among aboriginal PLWHA. He is also Co-Principal Investigator of *Living and Serving – 10 Years Later*, a ten-year follow-up of Charles Roy's study of PLWHA in the Canadian AIDS movement.

David Cooper, AO (*Australia*), *Director, National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research, and Professor of Medicine, University of New South Wales*

The National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research is responsible for the epidemiology and surveillance of HIV/AIDS in Australia and the coordination and conduct of clinical trials of therapies and vaccines for HIV disease. The National Centre also conducts an extensive clinical and epidemiological research program. In addition to directing the National Centre, Professor Cooper is Head of the Immunology/HIV/Infectious Diseases Clinical Service Unit at St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, one of the largest services for the

treatment of HIV disease in Australia. He also directs the New South Wales State Reference Laboratory for AIDS within the hospital's Centre for Immunology.

Professor Cooper is chair of the World Health Organization/UNAIDS advisory committee on HIV vaccines. He is also a Director of HIVNAT, a clinical research and trials collaboration based at the Thai Red Cross AIDS Research Centre, Chulalongkorn University Hospital, Bangkok. Professor Cooper served two terms as President of the International AIDS Society (IAS) from 1994 to 1998, and is on the editorial boards of several international journals, including *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome*, *AIDS*, and *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*. He also served as a member of previous IAS Conference Organising Committees and is a founding member of the Australasian Society for HIV Medicine. In 2007, Professor Cooper will Co-Chair the 4th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention in Sydney, Australia.

Jean-François Delfraissy, MD (*France*), *Director, French National Agency for AIDS Research (ANRS)*

Prof. Delfraissy is Director of the ANRS (the French national Agency for Research on AIDS and Viral Hepatitis). He is also Professor of Clinical Immunology and Internal Medicine at Paris-Sud University and Chair of the Internal Medicine Department at Bicêtre Hospital, Kremlin-Bicêtre, Paris, France. He also serves as a specialist in internal medicine and clinical immunology for Assistance Publique-Hôpitaux de Paris, France.

Prof. Delfraissy was formerly a co-director of a research laboratory at the French National Institute for Health and Medical Research (INSERM) and was on the Scientific Board of the ANRS. He was Chair of ANRS' Action Coordonnée No. 5 "HIV Therapeutic trials". He is actively involved in therapeutic trials for HIV patients in France and in Cambodia. From 1999 to 2005, Prof. Delfraissy has chaired the French Expert Group on Guidelines for Treatment of HIV Infected Patients and, in 2004, he served as a member of the expert task force that developed the UNAIDS antiretroviral treatment guidelines. Prof. Delfraissy has published over 240 original manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals.

Mark Dybul, MD (*United States*), *Acting United States Global AIDS Coordinator*

Dr. Mark Dybul serves as the Acting United States Global AIDS Coordinator in the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC), which leads implementation of President Bush's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). He was recently nominated by President Bush to assume the position permanently. Prior to beginning his role in OGAC, Dr. Dybul served on the Planning Task Force for the Emergency Plan, and was the lead for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for President Bush's International Prevention of Mother and Child HIV Initiative. Earlier in his career, Dr. Dybul served as Assistant Director for Medical Affairs at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) at the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Dybul received his A.B. and M.D. from Georgetown University before completing his residency in internal medicine at the University of Chicago Hospitals and a fellowship in infectious diseases at NIAID.

Anthony Fauci, MD (*United States*), *Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health*

Since 1984, Dr. Fauci has overseen NIAID's extensive research portfolio of basic and applied research to prevent, diagnose and treat infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections, influenza, tuberculosis, malaria, and illness from potential agents of bioterrorism. NIAID also supports research on transplantation and immune-related illnesses, including autoimmune disorders, asthma and allergies. The NIAID fiscal

year 2006 budget is approximately US\$ 4.4 billion. Dr. Fauci serves as one of the key advisors to the White House and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on global AIDS issues, and on initiatives to bolster medical and public health preparedness against emerging infectious disease threats such as pandemic influenza.

Dr. Fauci has made many contributions to basic and clinical research on the pathogenesis and treatment of immune-mediated diseases, including HIV/AIDS. He continues to devote much of his research time to identifying the nature of the immunopathogenic mechanisms of HIV infection and the scope of the body's immune responses to the AIDS retrovirus. Dr. Fauci serves on the editorial boards of many scientific journals; as an editor of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine; and as author, co-author, or editor of more than 1,000 scientific publications, including several textbooks.

Richard Feachem, CBE, FEng, DSc(Med), PhD (*United Kingdom*), *Executive Director, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria*

Dr. Richard Feachem became the first Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and Under Secretary-General of the United Nations in 2002. Dr. Feachem is also Professor of International Health at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), and the University of California, Berkeley (UCB), and the founding Director of the Institute for Global Health at UCSF and UCB. He is also a Visiting Professor at London University and an Honorary Professor at the University of Queensland.

Dr. Feachem was formerly the Director for Health, Nutrition and Population at the World Bank and prior to that Dean of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Dr. Feachem was Chairman of the Foundation Council of the Global Forum for Health Research, Treasurer of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, and Council Member of Voluntary Service Overseas. He served on the Commission on Macroeconomics and Health and sits on the Commission on HIV and Governance in Africa.

Dr. Feachem holds a Doctor of Science degree in Medicine and a PhD in Environmental Health. He is a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, an Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians and the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, and a member of the Institute of Medicine. In 1995, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II awarded Dr. Feachem a Commander of the Order of the British Empire for services to international health.

Gail Flintoft (*Canada*), *Board Chair, Canadian AIDS Society(CAS)*

Gail Flintoft is the Chair of the CAS Board of Directors and first served on CAS' Board in 1992. She has been working as a social worker for 27 years. Since 1990, she has been working at Casey House Hospice, an AIDS hospice in Toronto, and has worked extensively with people who have mental health, housing and substance use issues. She has been a board member and co-chair of the Ontario AIDS Network and was chair of the steering committee that worked toward its incorporation in the early 1990s. Gail has been a long time volunteer at Fife House Foundation and has served two terms on its board. She is also a member of the AIDS 2006 Toronto Local Host, which is a co-organizer of the XVI International AIDS Conference.

William (Bill) H. Gates III (*United States*), *Co-Chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*

As co-chairs, Bill and Melinda Gates shape and approve foundation strategies, review results, advocate for the foundation's issues, and help set the overall direction of the organization. They meet with local, national and international grantees and partners to further the foundation's goal of improving equity in the United States and around the world.

Bill Gates began his major philanthropic efforts in 1994, when he created the William H. Gates Foundation, which focused on global health. Three years later, he and Melinda created the Gates Library Foundation, which worked to bring public-access computers with Internet connections to public libraries in the U.S. (Its name changed to the Gates Learning Foundation in 1999 to reflect its focus on ensuring that low-income and minority students are prepared for college and have the means to attend.) The two groups merged in 2000 to form the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Melinda French Gates (*United States*), *Co-Chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*

As co-chairs, Bill and Melinda Gates shape and approve foundation strategies, review results, advocate for the foundation's issues, and help set the overall direction of the organization. They meet with local, national and international grantees and partners to further the foundation's goal of improving equity in the United States and around the world. They also use many public appearances, including speeches, interviews and articles, to focus attention on these issues.

Melinda Gates received a bachelor's degree in computer science and economics from Duke University in 1986 and a master's in business administration from Duke's Fuqua School of Business in 1987.

After joining Microsoft Corporation in 1987, she distinguished herself in business as a leader in the development of many of Microsoft's multimedia products. In 1996, Gates retired from her position as Microsoft's General Manager of Information Products. Since then, she has directed her energy toward the nonprofit world. In addition to her role with the foundation, she is a former member of the board of trustees of Duke University and is a former co-chair of the Washington State Governor's Commission on Early Learning. She also serves on the board of directors for drugstore.com and The Washington Post Company.

Helene Gayle, MD (*United States*), *Co-Chair, AIDS 2006; President, International AIDS Society; and President and CEO, CARE USA*

Dr. Helene Gayle has served as President of the International AIDS Society since 2004 and joined CARE USA as President in 2006. Dr. Gayle previously served as AIDS Coordinator and Chief of the HIV/AIDS Division for the U.S. Agency for International Development; Director for the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); Director of CDC's Washington office; and health consultant to international agencies including the World Health Organization, UNICEF, World Bank and UNAIDS. Prior to her current position, she was the Director of the HIV, TB and Reproductive Health Program for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, responsible for research, program and policies related to HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, reproductive health issues and tuberculosis.

Dr. Gayle has published numerous articles on public health, especially related to HIV/AIDS, and has received many awards for her scientific and public health contributions. She attained the rank of rear admiral (Assistant Surgeon General) in the U.S. Public Health Service. She is on the boards of the Institute of Medicine and the Council on Foreign Relations. Born and raised in Buffalo, New York, she received her BA from Barnard College of Columbia University, her MD from the University of Pennsylvania and her MPH from Johns Hopkins University.

Richard Gere (*United States*), *actor and activist, Gere Foundation*

Richard Gere is internationally known as both a leading film actor and as an involved and dedicated social activist and philanthropist. Since 1995, he has served as the Board Chair of the International Campaign for Tibet in Washington, DC. Mr. Gere is committed to the

ongoing search for a cure for AIDS, and is especially concerned about the spread of AIDS in India and the lack of care facilities there for PLWHA. He established the Delhi-based Gere Foundation India Trust in 1999 to support various humanitarian programs in India. The Trust recently collaborated with the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and Parmeshwar Godrej to produce a landmark AIDS awareness and fund-raising event in Mumbai.

Through both the Gere Foundation and his public charity, Healing the Divide, Mr. Gere continues to be a longtime supporter of other HIV/AIDS, humanitarian aid, human rights, and cultural preservation organizations, including Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and Survival International. He has received awards from the Harvard AIDS Institute, amfAR, Amnesty International, and the prestigious Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award.

Since his film career began in 1975, Mr. Gere has starred in over 40 movies and won a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor for his performance in *Chicago*. Mr. Gere attended the University of Massachusetts where he was a philosophy and theater major.

Gregg Gonsalves (*United States*), *AIDS and Rights Alliance of Southern Africa*

Gregg Gonsalves is coordinator of the regional treatment literacy and advocacy programme for the AIDS and Rights Alliance of Southern Africa, a network of AIDS and human rights organizations in the countries of the Southern African Development Community. Previously, Mr. Gonsalves was Director of Treatment and Prevention Advocacy for Gay Men's Health Crisis and was a co-founder and Policy Director of the Treatment Action Group, both in New York City. He is also a founding member of the International Treatment Preparedness Coalition, a network of over 700 people from over 100 countries, advocating for AIDS treatment for all who need it. Mr. Gonsalves has worked on behalf of people with HIV since 1990, first as a member of AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP)/Boston and then ACT UP/NY. In 1995, he found out that he was HIV-positive.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haakon (*Norway*)

Born 20 July 1973 in Oslo, second child and only son of Crown Prince Harald and Crown Princess Sonja, later King Harald V and Queen Sonja. On 25 August 2001 the Crown Prince married Mette-Marit Tjessem Høiby at the Oslo Cathedral. Their daughter HRH Princess Ingrid Alexandra was born 21 January 2004. Their son Prince Sverre Magnus was born 3 December 2005.

The Crown Prince completed secondary school at Kristelig Gymnasium in Oslo in 1992. His basic naval recruit training for the Royal Norwegian Navy was followed by a year at the Naval Cadet College in Horten and first level course at Naval Academy in Bergen. He enrolled in the University of California and received a bachelor's degree in political science in 1999. In 2002/2003, the Crown Prince continued his studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science, where he read international politics, concentrating on development studies. The Crown Prince was appointed United Nations Development Programme Goodwill Ambassador in 2003, in which capacity he has conducted four missions to country offices (Tanzania, Cambodia, Sierra Leone and Guatemala) and was featured in a photo exhibition on HIV/AIDS following the mission to Tanzania.

Robert (Bob) Haas (*United States*), *Chairman, Levi Strauss & Co. (LS&CO.)*

Mr. Bob Haas is Chairman of LS&CO. and the great-great-grandnephew of the company's founder, Levi Strauss. He served as Chief Executive Officer from 1984 to 1999. Under his leadership in the early 1980s, LS&CO. pioneered HIV/AIDS awareness and education policies, which were widely-adopted by other corporations and institutions.

Mr. Haas' involvement outside of LS&CO. is extensive. He is currently a treasurer and trustee of the Evelyn & Walter Haas, Jr. Fund, and a Berkeley Fellow. He is a member of The Conference Board and the Council on Foreign Relations. Mr. Haas is also President of the Levi Strauss Foundation, a member and honorary trustee of the Brookings Institution, honorary director of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, and former trustee of the Ford Foundation.

Mr. Haas graduated as class valedictorian from the University of California, Berkeley in 1964 and received his MBA from the Harvard Graduate School of Business in 1968. He served in the Peace Corps in the Ivory Coast from 1964 to 1966 and was a White House Fellow from 1968 to 1969. From 1969 to 1972, Mr. Haas was an associate with the management consulting firm of McKinsey and Company.

Noeleen Heyzer (*Singapore*), *Executive Director, United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)*

Noeleen Heyzer is the first executive director from the South to head UNIFEM, the leading operational agency within the United Nations to promote women's empowerment and gender equality. Since joining UNIFEM, Ms. Heyzer has worked on strengthening women's economic security and rights in the context of feminized poverty and globalization; promoting women's leadership in conflict resolution, peace-building and reconstruction; ending violence against women; and combating HIV/AIDS from a gender perspective.

Previously, Ms. Heyzer was the policy adviser to Asian governments and was instrumental in the formulation of national development policies, strategies and programmes from a gender perspective. In 1994-95 she played a key role in the preparatory process for the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, including organizing 1,000 non-government organizations (NGOs) in the Asia Pacific region to develop the first-ever NGO Action Plan. Ms. Heyzer was a founding member of numerous regional and international women's networks and has published extensively on gender and development issues.

Born in Singapore, she received a BA and MA from the University of Singapore and a doctorate in social sciences from Cambridge University in the United Kingdom. She has received several awards for leadership including the UNA-Harvard Leadership Award, the Woman of Distinction Award from the UN-NGO Committee on the Status of Women and the Dag Hammarskjöld medal in 2004.

Vincent J. Hughes (*United States*), *State Senator, Pennsylvania State Senate*

Mr. Hughes served in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 1987 to 1994 and was elected to the Senate in 1994 representing Philadelphia County. He is the Minority Chair of the Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee and serves on the Appropriations and Education Committees. He is the former Chair of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus and a member of the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Commercial Development Corporation and Philadelphia International Airport Advisory Board.

Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D. (*Canada*), *Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada*

Michaëlle Jean was appointed Governor General of Canada--Canada's de facto Head of State--in 2005 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Office of the Governor General is the highest and oldest public institution in Canada.

Born in Port au Prince, Haiti, Michaëlle Jean, left her country as a young child in 1968 with her family and sought refuge in Canada. While pursuing her university education, Michaëlle

Jean worked for eight years with Québec shelters for battered women. She has taken in, supported and accompanied hundreds of women and children in crisis while contributing to the establishment of a network of emergency shelters throughout Québec and elsewhere in Canada. She was also involved in aid organizations for immigrant women and families, and later worked at Employment and Immigration Canada and at the Conseil des Communautés culturelles du Québec. For 18 years, she has been a highly regarded journalist and anchor of information programs. In 2004, she started her own show, *Michaëlle*, which is broadcast on both French-language public television networks.

Michaëlle Jean received a Bachelor of Arts in Italian and Hispanic languages and literature and a Master of Arts in comparative literature at the University of Montreal. She is fluent in French, English, Italian, Spanish and Creole.

Sheila Crump Johnson (*United States*), *Founder, Crump-Johnson Foundation*

Dr. Sheila C. Johnson is Executive Vice President for Corporate Affairs & Co-Founder of Black Entertainment Television (BET) and was the creator of BET URBAN NATION H.I.P.H.O.P.--focusing on Hope, Integrity, Power, Helping Our People. She joined Lincoln Holdings as a partner in 2005 and serves as President, Managing Partner and Governor of the Women's National Basketball Association's Washington Mystics.

Reinvesting wealth in the community over the years, Dr. Johnson has given generously to nonprofit organizations such as the United Negro College Fund, Howard University and the Levine School of Music in Washington, DC. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation and the Carnegie Hall Board of Trustees. Dr. Johnson funded the creation of the Crump-Johnson Institute at Morrisville State College in New York. The Crump-Johnson Institute will provide support for diversity and character-building initiatives for students and the college community by creating fellowships, offering scholarships and providing leadership programming.

Dr. Johnson holds a Bachelor of Arts in music from the University of Illinois. She has taught music and authored a textbook. She is the recipient of the Morrisville State College Honorary Doctorate.

Jeannette Kagame (*Rwanda*), *First Lady of the Republic of Rwanda and President, Organization of African First Ladies against HIV/AIDS (OAFLA)*

Madame Jeannette Kagame has been the First Lady of Rwanda since April 2000. She returned to Rwanda in 1994 at the end of the war to the insurmountable horrors of the genocide and immersed herself in various associations that support vulnerable groups, in particular widows and orphans of the genocide, and children in difficult situations.

Madame Kagame is actively involved in mobilizing resources to support community-based projects for the prevention of HIV/AIDS among youth, women and children. In 2001, she hosted the first-ever gathering of the African First Ladies at the Kigali Summit on Children and HIV/AIDS Prevention. The Summit produced a decisive declaration outlining recommendations for each First Lady to undertake in her country, region and on the continent. In July 2001, in collaboration with national and international partners represented in Rwanda, Madame Kagame developed the national plan of action of the Kigali Declaration. Madame Kagame was also actively involved in the creation of OAFLA, a formal framework that enables the First Ladies from 40 African countries to join their efforts and lend their voices to the continuing fight against HIV/AIDS. In 2004, Madame Kagame was elected as President of organization for a two-year term.

Madame Kagame is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Financial Management.

Elly Katabira, MD (*Uganda*), *International Co-Chair, Scientific Programme Committee, AIDS 2006 and head physician, AIDS Clinic, Mulago Hospital, and Infectious Diseases Institute, Makerere University Medical School*

Dr. Elly Katabira is head physician at the AIDS Clinic, Mulago Hospital, and at the Infectious Diseases Institute of Makerere University Medical School, where he is also Deputy Dean (Research). He also serves as a medical adviser to The AIDS Support Organization. He is a member of the Patient Care and Ethical Technical Committee and the Clinical Research Technical Committee of the Uganda AIDS Commission. He serves on the International AIDS Society Governing Council and the Board of Trustees of the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care and is Co-Chair of the Global AIDS Learning & Evaluation Network Curriculum Committee. He was a founding member of Academic Alliance for AIDS Care and Prevention in Africa.

Dr. Katabira received his medical education in Uganda, England, Scotland and the United States. In 1990, he was recognized as a World AIDS Foundation International Scholar. Dr. Katabira is also the author of more than 100 published scientific articles and abstracts.

Michel Kazatchkine, MD (*France*), *France's Ambassador on HIV/AIDS and Transmissible Diseases*

A Harvard-trained clinical immunologist, Dr. Michel Kazatchkine combines twenty years experience in HIV/AIDS research, care, treatment and policy, capped by five years as director of the French National Agency for AIDS Research (ANRS) starting 1998. Dr. Kazatchkine first studied the humanities at the Sorbonne. In the late 1970s after training at the Institut Pasteur in Paris, he moved to study at the Department of Immunology and Rheumatology, Brigham Hospital and Harvard Medical School, which led to a highly productive period in original research. He has published over 500 papers in top scientific and medical journals, focusing on autoimmunity, therapeutic immunointervention and the pathogenesis of HIV disease. He also served as Chair of the Technical Review Panel of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS Tuberculosis and Malaria and was recently appointed Chair of the Strategic and Technical Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS at the World Health Organization. Dr. Kazatchkine is also a member of the International AIDS Society's Governing Council.

Joep Lange, MD (*Netherlands*), *Immediate Past President, International AIDS Society and Professor of Internal Medicine, University of Amsterdam*

Dr. Joep Lange, Professor of Internal Medicine at the Center for Poverty-Related Communicable Diseases, Academic Medical Center, University of Amsterdam is an internist by training. For over 20 years he has pioneered clinical trial design and implementation, clinical research site training, and policy-making for HIV-related issues, including prevention of mother to child transmission (PMTCT) interventions. During this time he has been a principal investigator on antiretroviral therapy and PMTCT. From 1992 to 1995 he worked at the World Health Organization (WHO) as the Chief of Clinical Research and Product Development of the Global Program on AIDS. Dr. Lange currently serves as Director of the Netherlands' National AIDS Therapy Evaluation Centre (NATEC) and Chief Scientific Officer of the International Antiviral Therapy Evaluation Center (IATEC). He was President of the International AIDS Society from 2002 to 2004 and is also Founder and Chairman of the PharmAccess Foundation, an organization that aims to remove barriers to anti-AIDS treatment in resource-constrained countries. Professor Lange is member of a number of advisory boards including the WHO Strategic and Technical Advisory Committee for HIV/AIDS, the steering committee for the evaluation of the WHO '3 by 5' evaluation, the writing committee for the WHO HIV Treatment Guidelines, the HIV Prevention Working Group of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Scientific Advisory Board of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative.

Barbara Lee (*United States*), *Member of Congress*

Congresswoman Barbara Lee was first elected to represent California's ninth Congressional District in 1998. She is the most senior Democratic woman on the House International Relations Committee, where she serves on the African and the Western Hemisphere Subcommittees. She also serves on the House Financial Services Committee, where she sits on the Housing and Domestic and International Monetary Policy Subcommittees. She is the Co-Chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, Whip for the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), and a Senior Democratic Whip. She also serves as Chair of the CBC Task Force on Global HIV/AIDS and Co-Chair of the CBC Haiti Task Force.

Congresswoman Lee's accomplishments in promoting effective, bipartisan legislation to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and bring treatment to the infected have earned her international recognition as a leader in the fight against global HIV/AIDS. She led the fight to create the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and to bring affordable generic AIDS treatments to impoverished regions. She also sponsored legislation to protect AIDS orphans.

Congresswoman Lee graduated from Mills College in Oakland, California, and received her Masters of Social Work from the University of California, Berkeley. Before being elected to Congress, she served in the California State Assembly from 1990-1996 and in the California State Senate from 1996-1998.

Stephen Lewis (*Canada*), *United Nations (UN) Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa*

Stephen Lewis is Chair of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, author of the national bestseller *Race Against Time* and UN Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa. A lifelong social democrat and diplomat, he has focused much of his humanitarian efforts on the African continent. Mr. Lewis' career at the UN has spanned more than two decades. From 1984-1988, he served as Canada's Ambassador to the UN. During his tenure, he chaired the committee that drafted the Five-Year UN Programme on African Economic Recovery. From 1995-1999, Mr. Lewis served as Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF. In 1997, he was appointed by the Organization of African Unity to the Panel of Eminent Personalities to Investigate the Genocide in Rwanda. He is currently a Commissioner for the World Health Organization's Commission on the Social Determinants of Health, a Senior Advisor to the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University in New York City and also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative.

Craig McClure (*Canada*), *Executive Director, International AIDS Society (IAS)*

Mr. McClure is the Executive Director of IAS, the world's professional society for scientists and health workers in HIV/AIDS and the convener of the biennial International AIDS Conference.

Mr. McClure has a background in political science, international relations, education and counseling. He has worked in the HIV/AIDS field for 13 years, primarily in the areas of policy, advocacy and education. In 2003-2004, he played a central role at the World Health Organization (WHO) as a member of the coordination team for the development of the "3 by 5" strategy, the WHO and UNAIDS initiative to expand antiretroviral treatment access for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) in resource-limited settings. Prior to working with WHO, Mr. McClure worked for the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative. As a founding partner of the consultancy Health Hounds, Mr. McClure led a number of HIV/AIDS policy and programme development projects from 1997-2000. Prior to 1997, he worked for four years for the Canadian Treatment Information Exchange, a non-governmental organization focused on HIV treatment information, education and advocacy.

Mr. McClure has published and presented on his HIV work at international, regional and national conferences. He is committed to approaches to ending the epidemic that balance the needs for further research with expanded implementation of existing prevention tools, ethical and equitable access to care and treatment, and an end to stigma and discrimination against PLWHA and the marginalized communities that remain most vulnerable to HIV infection.

The Honourable Dalton McGuinty *(Canada), Premier of Ontario and Minister of Research and Innovation*

Dalton McGuinty is Ontario's 24th Premier. He was elected Premier of Ontario in October 2003, bringing to power a majority Liberal government. He was first elected in 1990, representing the people of Ottawa South, and subsequently re-elected in 1995, 1999 and 2003. He became Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party in 1996. He previously served as opposition critic for energy, colleges and universities, native affairs, and the environment.

Since becoming Premier, Mr. McGuinty has focussed his energies, and those of his government, on the ongoing growth and development of the Province of Ontario and on ensuring the well-being of its citizens. Almost 230,000 new jobs have been created since he took office and he is Ontario's first Minister of Research and Innovation, a ministry he established. The Premier's initiatives include: the creation of 150 Family Health Teams to improve access to primary care, the reduction of wait times for key medical services, the establishment of community-based Local Health Integration Networks and the launch of an expanded five-year \$30-billion infrastructure plan. Emphasis on wellness and illness prevention through the new Ministry of Health Promotion is central to the Premier's plan for a healthier Ontario.

Before entering politics, Mr. McGuinty was a lawyer in Ottawa. He has a science degree from McMaster University in Hamilton and a law degree from the University of Ottawa.

Elizabeth Madraa *(Uganda), Program Manager, AIDS Control Programme, Ministry of Health*

Dr. Elizabeth Madraa joined the Uganda Public Service as a Medical Officer in 1980 and has been in service since then. She is currently Program Manager in the AIDS Control Programme in the Ugandan Ministry of Health.

Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mette-Marit of Norway, *Special Representative, United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)*

The Norwegian Crown Princess is committed to actively supporting the AIDS response. As Special Representative of UNAIDS and a mother of three, her goal is to generate more attention and support for young people living with and affected by HIV. She also plans to raise awareness of the stigma surrounding HIV. The Crown Princess has been engaged in AIDS issues for some time. Her studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London and her work with the Norwegian Agency for Development in 2003 raised her interest in and concern for AIDS issues. In January 2005, the Crown Princess carried out a study trip to Malawi focusing on AIDS.

Mayor David Miller *(Canada), Mayor, City of Toronto*

Like most Torontonians, Mayor David Miller immigrated to Toronto. He and his mother arrived from England in 1967, and moved to Toronto in 1981. He became a Metro councillor in 1994, and in 1997 was elected to the new City of Toronto council, serving two terms. In November 2003, Mr. Miller was elected mayor.

As mayor, Mr. Miller is leading the City of Toronto through an historic transformation and a renaissance of civic pride and confidence. Through the New Deal for Cities, he has also enabled Toronto to garner new powers, money and respect from provincial and federal governments. Toronto is now the only Canadian city with a direct agreement with the federal government on transit funding. In addition to advocating for the City of Toronto, Mayor Miller has become one of the dominant voices for the national urban agenda. As the City comes into its own as a full-fledged government, it is reinvesting in Toronto's neighbourhoods and communities through initiatives like the Mayor's Community Safety Plan, the Clean and Beautiful City Initiative, rejuvenation of parks and public spaces, and through ongoing waterfront revitalization.

Before running for public office, Mayor Miller was a partner at the Toronto law firm Aird & Berlis, specializing in employment and immigration law and shareholder rights. He received a degree in economics from Harvard University and a law degree from the University of Toronto.

Kevin Moody, EdD *(Canada), CEO and International Coordinator, Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+)*

Dr. Kevin Moody has extensive experience in management of non-governmental organizations and within the international health community, as well as the global movement of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). His specific technical interests include training for health and community workers, advocating for access to essential medicines and adherence to antiretroviral therapy. Prior to joining GNP, he worked as Technical Officer for Treatment and Advocacy with the World Health Organization's (WHO) HIV/AIDS Department. He was the department's liaison for PLWHA organizations and for WHO's "Preparing for Treatment Program", which comprised WHO's contribution to the Collaborative Fund for HIV Treatment Preparedness. Dr. Moody also served as a Director of the European AIDS Treatment Group, Co-Director of Campaigns with Health Action International Europe and Coordinator of the Campaign for Access to Essential Medicines with Médicines Sans Frontières.

Dr. Moody is a registered pharmacist and worked for many years as the Director of Continuing Pharmacy Education at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences with the University of British Columbia. His graduate training includes a Masters in Business Administration with a focus on non-profit management and information technology, as well as a Doctor of Education in distance education and instructional technology.

Musa "Queen" Njoko *(South Africa), jazz artist and HIV activist*

Musa Njoko is a motivational speaker and singer. One of the first women and the first recording artist to disclose her HIV-positive status in South Africa, Ms. Njoko has been living positively and openly with HIV for the past seven years. She has worked with different government departments as well as the corporate sector nationally and internationally. She heads Khanya AIDS Interventions, a people management consultancy, which specializes in AIDS interventions, and has been involved in the development of numerous training packages and AIDS policies and programmes for the corporate sector, government, non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, women's groups and youth.

Ms. Njoko is an AIDS activist and a leader in the fight for the rights of people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. All the challenges that HIV has brought into her life have not stopped her from living her dream. She is a singer and composer of her own music.

Anders Nordström, MD (Sweden), *Acting Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO)*

A medical doctor from the Karolinska Institutet in Sweden, Dr. Anders Nordström is currently the Acting Director-General of WHO. His first international assignments were with the Swedish Red Cross in Cambodia and the International Committee of the Red Cross in Iran. He worked for the Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency (SIDA) for 12 years, including three years as Regional Advisor in Zambia and four years as head of the Health Division in Stockholm. During this time the agency supported programmes on health development and poverty reduction in 18 countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia.

During 2002, Dr. Nordström was the Interim Executive Director for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, laying the foundations for the organization's present structure. He took office as Assistant Director-General for General Management in July 2003 with a mandate to support the implementation of Dr. LEE Jong-wook's vision of a more effective and efficient organization equipped to "do the right things, in the right place." Upon the death of Dr. Lee in May 2006, the WHO Executive Board appointed Dr. Nordström Acting Director-General. He will hold this office until the election of a new Director-General in November 2006. His priorities for this interim period are: to maintain momentum and direction in WHO's technical work; to manage the election process efficiently and transparently; and to continue work on management reforms.

Annmaree O'Keeffe (Australia), *Australian Ambassador for HIV/AIDS and Deputy Director-General, Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)*

Ms. O'Keeffe was appointed Australia's first Ambassador for HIV/AIDS in May 2006 after holding the position of Australia's Special Representative for HIV/AIDS since 2004. Concurrently, she is Deputy Director-General of Global Programs in AusAID where she has been a Deputy Director-General since 2002.

With a significant background in development and public policy, Ms O'Keeffe has worked with AusAID since 1986 and has lived and worked in a number of developing countries. She served as Australia's Minister-Counsellor for Development Cooperation in Papua, New Guinea, from 1997 to 1999 and was Australia's Ambassador to Nepal from 1994 to 1996.

Originally a journalist, she worked in the media in Zimbabwe and the United Kingdom and held various positions with the International Committee of the Red Cross in Bangkok and Geneva.

Peter Piot, MD, PhD (Switzerland), *Executive Director, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)*

Dr. Peter Piot was appointed Executive Director of UNAIDS and Assistant-Secretary-General of the United Nations in 1994. Dr. Piot joined UNAIDS from a position as Associate Director of the Global Programme on AIDS of the World Health Organization. Dr. Piot had previously served from 1980 to 1992 as Professor of Microbiology and Head of the Department of Infection and Immunity at the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium. During this period, he also launched and expanded a series of collaborative projects in Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Tanzania and Zaire.

Dr. Piot was Associate Professor of Public Health at the Free University of Brussels from 1989 to 1992, and Associate Professor of Microbiology at the University of Nairobi from 1986 to 1987. In 1978-1979, he was Senior Fellow in infectious diseases at the University of Washington in Seattle. In 1976, he became co-discoverer of the Ebola virus. He served as the President of the International AIDS Society from 1991 to 1994.

Dr. Piot qualified as a Doctor of Medicine at the University of Ghent and received a Doctorate in Microbiology from the University of Antwerp. He has received many awards for

scientific achievement and public service, and has published over 500 articles and 15 books. H.M. King Albert II of Belgium awarded him a baronetcy in 1995.

President Mary Robinson (*Ireland*), *Patron, International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS and President, Ethical Globalization Initiative*

Mary Robinson served as President of Ireland from 1990 to 1997 and as United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Human Rights from 1997 to 2002. Mrs. Robinson has spent most of her life as a human rights advocate and always sought to use law as an instrument for social change, arguing landmark cases before the European Court of Human Rights as well as in the Irish courts and the European Court in Luxemburg.

Now based in New York City, Mrs. Robinson is currently leading the Ethical Globalization Initiative. Its goal is to bring the norms and standards of human rights into the globalization process and to support capacity building in good governance in developing countries, with an initial focus on Africa. She is also Chair of the Council of Women World Leaders, Vice President of the Club of Madrid, honorary President of Oxfam International, member of the Vaccine Fund Board of Directors and the Leadership Council of the United Nations Global Coalition on Women and AIDS. She is a Professor of Practice at Columbia University in New York City, member of the Advisory Board of the Earth Institute, and Extraordinary Professor at the University of Pretoria.

Educated at Trinity College, Mrs. Robinson also holds law degrees from the King's Inns in Dublin and from Harvard University. She is a member of the Royal Irish Academy and the American Philosophical Society.

William Roedy (*United Kingdom*), *United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Goodwill Ambassador; Chairman, Global Media AIDS Initiative Leadership Committee; and Vice Chairman, MTV Networks*

William H. Roedy is Vice Chairman of MTV Networks and President of MTV Networks International. At the invitation of UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Mr. Roedy serves as the Chairman of the Leadership Committee for the Global Media AIDS Initiative, an effort to mobilize the media industry globally in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Mr. Roedy is also the former Chair of the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS. A graduate of West Point and Harvard University, Mr. Roedy joined MTV Europe in 1989 and became President of MTV Networks in 2000. In 1998, he was appointed Ambassador for UNAIDS and became Chair of the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS. Mr. Roedy is a member of the Board of Doctors of the World, the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, and the American School in London. He is also a member of the International Advisory Board of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Zeda Rosenberg, SM, ScD (*United States*), *Chief Executive Officer, International Partnership for Microbicide Development (IPM)*

Dr. Zeda Rosenberg is Chief Executive Officer for IPM, a non-profit product development project created to accelerate the development and availability of a safe and effective microbicide. Prior to her work at IPM, Dr. Rosenberg was the Scientific Director for the HIV Prevention Trials Network at Family Health International (FHI) from 1999 to 2002. At FHI she coordinated clinical trials in the areas of prevention of mother to child, sexual and intravenous drug use transmission of HIV both domestically and internationally. From 1995 to 1999, Dr. Rosenberg was Senior Scientist in the Division of AIDS, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) at the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH). She also coordinated the NIAID Tuberculosis (TB) Research effort, representing NIH on the U.S. Public Health Service Task Force to Combat Multi-Drug Resistant TB and co-chairing the TB Research Subcommittee. In addition, she was responsible for the coordination of other

NIAID prevention activities, including the prevention of HIV infection and other sexually transmitted diseases. Dr. Rosenberg has a Master's degree in epidemiology and a Doctoral degree in microbiology from the Harvard School of Public Health.

Gracia Violeta Ross Quiroga (*Bolivia*), *International Co-Chair, Community Programme Committee, AIDS 2006 and member, International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (ICW)*

Violeta Ross is a tireless advocate for the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS, especially women in Latin America. She serves as a member of ICW and the Latin American Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS. She delivered a closing address at the XV International AIDS Conference in Bangkok. The Pan American Health Organization produced two public service announcements in which Ross calls for all women and girls to be afforded real access to the information and the resources they need to protect themselves from AIDS. Ms. Ross is an anthropologist and has a master's degree in gender, sexual and reproductive health. She is particularly committed to linking science with policy in the context of women and AIDS.

Nafis Sadik, MD (*Pakistan*), *Special Adviser to the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General and his Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Asia*

As Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General and his Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Asia, Dr. Nafis Sadik is responsible for promoting the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, adopted by the UN General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS (UNGASS) in 2001, throughout Asia.

Dr. Sadik joined the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in 1971, serving in various capacities until her appointment as Executive Director in 1987. Upon her appointment, Dr. Sadik became the first woman in the UN's history to lead one of its major voluntarily funded programmes. Under her leadership as Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in 1994, the international community unanimously agreed to the approach to reproductive health that includes empowering women through education and economic opportunity. Dr. Sadik retired in December 2000. Prior to joining UNFPA, she was Pakistan's Director-General of the Central Family Planning Council, preparing and evaluating the country's health and family planning programme as part of the nation's development plan.

Educated at Loreto College, Calcutta, she received her Doctor of Medicine degree from Dow Medical College, Karachi. Dr. Sadik is a member of the Board of Governors of the Foundation for Human Development and the South Asian Commission on the Asian Challenge. She was President of the Society for International Development from 1994-1997.

Shelia Sisulu (*South Africa*), *Deputy Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP)*

Ms. Shelia Sisulu is responsible for WFP's Policy and External Affairs Department, overseeing strategy, policy and programme support in the areas of food security, safety nets, emergency relief, HIV/AIDS, school feeding, gender and nutrition. She is also responsible for the secretariat of the Executive Board and relations with WFP's host government, Italy, plus other United Nations (UN) agencies, and non-governmental organizations. WFP is the frontline UN agency fighting to eradicate world hunger, using food aid to save lives in emergencies and to help the poorest of the poor become self-reliant. WFP reaches out to victims of war and natural disasters, families affected by HIV and AIDS, orphans who have lost their parents to the pandemic, and school children in poor communities.

Prior to joining WFP, Ms. Sisulu spent four years as South Africa's Ambassador to the United States. Previously, she served as Consul General in New York and as Special Advisor to the

national Minister of Education responsible for policy on gender equity, youth development and early childhood education and care.

Luis Soto-Ramirez, MD (*Mexico*), *Regional Representative, Latin America and the Caribbean, International AIDS Society (IAS) Governing Council and Head, Molecular Virology Unit, Department of Infectious Diseases, Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Medicas y Nutricion (INCMNSZ)*

Dr. Luis Soto-Ramirez is the head of the Molecular Virology Unit at the Department of Infectious Diseases at INCMNSZ. He received his medical degree in 1982 from Escuela Mexicana de Medicina of Universidad La Salle, and completed training in internal medicine and infectious diseases at INCMNSZ and a postdoctoral fellowship in molecular virology at Harvard University. He has served as a member of the Governing Council of the International AIDS Society since 2000 and regional representative for Latin America and the Caribbean since 2004. Dr. Soto-Ramirez will serve as Co-Chair of the XVII International AIDS Conference in Mexico City in 2008. Dr. Soto-Ramirez has authored over 40 scientific publications. He has also published three books of poetry.

His Grace Gunnar Stålsett (*Norway*), *International Co-Chair, Leadership Programme Committee, AIDS 2006 and President, World Conference on Religions for Peace*

Bishop Stålsett served as the Bishop of Oslo from 1998-2005. He served as the general secretary of the Lutheran World Federation from 1985 to 1994, after which he became Rector of the Practical Theological Seminary at the University of Oslo until his appointment as Bishop of Oslo. He was the chairman of Norwegian Church Aid from 1995-1998, and has a continued close cooperation with the organization, especially on issues related to peace & reconciliation, as well as HIV and AIDS. He has twice served on the Norwegian Nobel Peace Prize Committee, 1985-1990, and 1994-2003. Currently, Bishop Stålsett is an International Co-president of the World Conference of Religions for Peace and Co-mentor of its affiliated European Council of Religious Leaders, as well as Chairman of the Niwano Peace Prize Committee. Since 2001, he has been a key member of the government-appointed Norwegian AIDS Forum, and was a member of the Norwegian delegation to United Nations General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS the same year.

Bishop Stålsett attended the XV International AIDS Conference in Bangkok, and was a speaker on the panel of religious leaders in a satellite session on the role of religious leaders in combating stigma and discrimination.

Julian Schweitzer, PhD (*United Kingdom*) *Director, Human Development Sector, South Asia Region, World Bank*

Julian Schweitzer is Director of the Human Development Sector in the South Asia Region of the World Bank, responsible for the World Bank's operations in health, nutrition, population, education and social protection. During his career at the World Bank he has worked on human development issues in the Middle East and North Africa, and on the transition economies of Europe and in Latin America. He has led and managed operations across the human development spectrum. He also worked as the operations manager in the World Bank's East Asia and Pacific region and earlier in the decade was the World Bank's Country Director in Russia.

Mr. Schweitzer has for many years had a strong interest in developing the World Bank's assistance to client countries to fight HIV/AIDS. In Russia, he oversaw the preparation and early stages of operation of the World Bank-financed TB/HIV project and sought to raise the issue at the most senior levels of the Russian government. Since returning to the South Asia Region in 2004, Mr. Schweitzer has reorganized the HIV/AIDS function and has strengthened the World Bank's advisory and financial role, including ensuring collaboration with external partners.

Before joining the World Bank, Mr. Schweitzer worked in the public and private sectors in the United Kingdom and India. He holds a PhD in Physics from the University of London and has authored a number of articles and chapters of books in the economic and human development fields.

Ann M. Veneman (*United States*), *Executive Director, UNICEF*

Ann M. Veneman assumed the leadership of UNICEF in 2005. UNICEF works on the ground in 157 developing and transitional countries to help children survive and thrive.

Prior to joining UNICEF, Veneman served as the 27th Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). She has been a leader in international trade and development, and has championed programs to reduce world hunger and strengthen the food-producing capacity of developing nations. During her tenure at USDA, Ms. Veneman directed major international programs that included the \$300 million Global Food for Education Program, which reached 4,000 schools. She actively promoted science and technology in the developing world as a means to accelerate agricultural productivity and to help meet the World Food Summit goal of reducing global hunger by half by 2015.

Ms. Veneman joined the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service in 1986 and eventually served as Associate Administrator until 1989. She also served as USDA's Deputy Secretary and Deputy Undersecretary of Agriculture for International Affairs and Commodity Programs and as Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of California, Davis; a Master's degree in Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley; and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of California, Hastings College of Law.

The Honourable Josée Verner (*Canada*), *Local Co-Chair, Leadership Programme Committee, AIDS 2006; Member of the Parliament; and Minister of International Cooperation and Minister for La Francophonie and Official Languages, Government of Canada*

Josée Verner was first elected as a Member of Parliament in January 2006 from the riding of Louis-St-Laurent and was appointed as the Minister of International Co-operation and Minister for La Francophonie and Official Languages in Prime Minister Stephen Harper's cabinet. In addition to being the chair of the Québec Caucus for the Conservative Party of Canada, in June 2004, she was named the spokesperson for the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Region of Québec in Mr. Harper's shadow cabinet. This was widened to also include the Official Languages portfolio in September 2005.

Ms. Verner has spent close to 20 years in the communications and public service fields. She has worked for former Québec Premier Robert Bourassa and for the deputy speaker of Québec's National Assembly, and worked closely with the Ministry of Health. Ms. Verner is deeply involved in her community, and has spent a significant amount of time fundraising for the Children's Make A Wish Foundation.

Mark A. Wainberg, OC, OQ, PhD (*Canada*), *Co-Chair, AIDS 2006; Board Chair, Toronto Local Host; and Director, McGill University AIDS Centre and Professor of Medicine and Microbiology*

Dr. Mark A. Wainberg is Director of the McGill University AIDS Centre and Professor of Medicine and of Microbiology at McGill University in Montreal. Dr. Wainberg, an internationally recognized scientist in the field of HIV/AIDS, has made important independent contributions to the study of anti-viral drug development and HIV drug resistance. He served as President of the International AIDS Society from 1998 to 2000.

He is well known for his initial identification of 3TC as an anti-viral drug, in collaboration with BioChem Pharma Inc. in 1989. His laboratory continues to work in these areas and, as well, Dr. Wainberg has now turned his attention to novel concepts in HIV vaccine development and prevention of HIV infection. He is a strong advocate of measures that will enhance prevention of HIV infection in developing countries. He is the Co-Chair of the XVI International AIDS Conference. Dr. Wainberg is a member of the Royal Society of Canada and an Officer of the Order of Canada. He is also an Officer of the Order National of Québec.

Maxine Waters (*United States*), *Member of Congress*

Congresswoman Maxine Waters was elected in November 2004 to her eighth term in the House of Representatives from Los Angeles, California. Formerly the Chair of the 39-member Congressional Black Caucus, she has held the influential leadership position of Chief Deputy Whip of the Democratic Party since the 106th Congress, and was named Co-Chair of the powerful House Democratic Steering Committee. Congresswoman Waters is a member of the House Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Judiciary.

Congresswoman Waters is a vocal advocate for international peace, justice, and human rights. Before her election to Congress, she was a leader in the movement to end Apartheid and establish democracy in South Africa. She leads congressional efforts to cancel the debts that poor countries in Africa and Latin America owe to wealthy institutions like the World Bank and free poor countries from the burden of international debts.

Expanding access to health care services is one of Congresswoman Waters' priorities. She spearheaded the development of the Minority AIDS Initiative in 1998 to address the alarming spread of HIV/AIDS among African Americans, Hispanics and other minorities in the United States.

Alan Whiteside, D Econ (*South Africa*), *member, International AIDS Society (IAS) Governing Council and Professor, University of KwaZulu-Natal*

Alan Whiteside is a Professor at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban and Director of its Health and Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division (HEARD), an organization he established. Prior to his position at HEARD, Professor Whiteside was in the Economic Research Unit at the University. He also started the newsletter *AIDS Analysis Africa* and served as editor for more than 10 years. Throughout his 21-year involvement with HIV/AIDS research, Professor Whiteside has written extensively, dealing primarily with sub-Saharan Africa and co-authored two books on the subject: *AIDS in the Twenty-First Century: Disease and Globalisation*, and *AIDS: The Challenge for South Africa*.

Professor Whiteside is also a Commissioner for the United Nations Commission on HIV/AIDS and Governance in Africa and an elected member of the IAS Governing Council. He is also a member of the Governing Council of Waterford Kamhlaba College. Other academic appointments include: Visiting Professor, School of Medicine Liverpool University; Leverhulme Visiting Professor, University of Southampton; and Visiting Fellow, University of East Anglia. Dr. Whiteside has an MA from the University of East Anglia and a D Econ from the University of Natal.

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