

## PRESS STATEMENT

### **UNAIDS welcomes new leadership of Ray Chambers in support of the health-related Millennium Development Goals**

**GENEVA, 1 March 2013**— The United Nations Secretary-General has appointed Ray Chambers as the first Special Envoy for Financing the Health-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). As part of his expanded role, Mr Chambers will promote increased investment by the public and private sectors for the AIDS response.

As an early partner in UNAIDS' effort to eliminate new HIV infections among children by 2015, Mr Chambers has brought visibility and new partnerships to support this global plan of action.

“With less than a 1000 days to go before the agreed deadline for achieving the MDGs, we need leaders like Ray to help us reach our goals,” said Michel Sidibé, Executive Director of UNAIDS. “Ray has done an extraordinary job achieving results for Malaria and I know he will do the same for HIV.”

A long time philanthropist, Mr Chambers retains his mandate on malaria. In January he joined the Board of Directors of GBCHealth as Co-Chair. Mr Chambers has served as one of the Secretary-General's MDG Advocates since 2010.

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