

PRESS STATEMENT

UNAIDS welcomes new United States Global Health Diplomacy Office

And warmly congratulates Global AIDS Ambassador Eric Goosby in his new expanded leadership role

GENEVA, 14 December 2012—The United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) welcomes the creation of a new United States Global Health Diplomacy Office and the announcement that US Global AIDS Ambassador Eric Goosby will lead this new effort.

“I can think of no one better than Eric to bring this new vision to life,” said Michel Sidibé, Executive Director of UNAIDS. “We have seen the amazing impact of PEPFAR in forging a new kind of partnership with countries to save lives. We look forward to working closely with Ambassador Goosby and the new Office to help multiply these results across global health and development.”

To elevate global health issues the United States will pursue new partnerships with countries to foster better health outcomes. The new office will provide guidance to US Ambassadors to more effectively support countries, to strengthen the sustainability of health programmes and to continue to promote a vision for shared responsibility and global solidarity.

Ambassador Goosby brings more than 30 years of global health experience and will continue to lead the United States President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). PEPFAR recently unveiled a new blueprint for how the US Government will work with countries to help achieve an AIDS-free generation.

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