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Thank you Chair, Ambassador Mailu of Kenya.

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome.

We are at an inflection point in the global AIDS response. Actions which governments take this year and next year will determine whether we get on track to fulfil the commitments we have all made. We are at the mid-point of the 2021–2026 Global AIDS Strategy, and we need to accelerate progress to 2030 and sustain that progress beyond 2030.

Today you will hear from my team on the work we have done to fulfil the commitments we made to meet your decisions; and you will get an update on the impact that your contributions are having on the AIDS response as we get ready for this stretch to 2030.

As the PCB has noted, UNAIDS has greatly improved transparency and reporting on results. My team will present some of these results today. You will hear from our data and financial experts and from key partners, who will set out:

1. How we have organised ourselves so we can achieve more with less money;
2. How we have updated our resource mobilization strategy in line with the Boards recommendations;
3. How we are planning to sustain the HIV response moving forward.

Firstly, on achieving more with less

UNAIDS has re-prioritized to operate within a US\$ 160 million annual budget by adopting a sharper focus for 2024–2025. This amount – \$160 million – is less than 1% of the more than US\$ 20 billion available for HIV activities in low- and middle-income countries. Less than 1% and yet delivering enormous and outsized impact on the shared four key priorities:

- (a) advancing HIV prevention;
- (b) accelerating access to HIV treatment and new health technologies;
- (c) promoting community-led HIV responses; and
- (d) ensuring equitable financing and sustaining the HIV response.

We are also developing further measures, if needed, that will ensure a balanced budget. These measures will be finalized following my endorsement of the financial statements, further consultation with the Independent External Oversight Advisory Committee, and a presentation to the PCB in June 2024.

Secondly, the new resource mobilization strategy

The Structured Funding Dialogue is conducted in compliance with UN General Assembly Resolution 71/243, which calls for periodic funding dialogues within the framework outlined in the Funding Compact.

UNAIDS is committed to meeting our responsibilities under the Funding Compact to ensure transparency, accountability and visibility to our donors.

We are committed to helping the world reach the global AIDS targets – and this requires adequate, dependable funding for the Joint Programme.

Our new strategy prioritizes a more systematic approach to donor cultivation, leveraging strategic partnerships and building capacity for resource mobilization across the entire Secretariat.

In line with the joint resource mobilization strategy, we have developed our value proposition which highlights three key messages for the 2024–2025 period:

- We know how to end AIDS as a public health threat. Taking this path is both a political and financial choice.
- a modest investment in UNAIDS will deliver maximum impact at the national and global levels.
- UNAIDS is uniquely placed as the lead of the global HIV response. Investments in UNAIDS are vital to invest to end AIDS, fight inequalities that drive it, and save lives.

How do we ensure we sustain the HIV response?

Excellencies, pandemics tend to go through cycles of panic and neglect. But health security can only be delivered when we break these cycles, and deliver and sustain the gains that we make together.

Today, we will hear from our partners about the critical role that this Joint Programme plays to sustain the global AIDS response. I want to thank very much the Global Fund, PEPFAR, the governments and people of Kenya, Cambodia and Brazil, as well as our cosponsors for sharing the critical role that the Joint Programme plays in sustaining the global AIDS response.

Over the next two years we have an ambitious plan, we want to support 35 countries in reaching the 95–95–95 targets – and help them to sustain the gains that they will have made. This will be an outstanding global achievement.

During the 2024–2025 biennium, UNAIDS is committed to advancing a set of actions that will ensure a strong Joint Programme and a sustainable global HIV response to 2030 and beyond. We are leading on an HIV response sustainability agenda,

the delivery of a mid-term review of the Global AIDS Strategy and revisiting our operating model in advance of a report to the PCB in June 2025.

We are grateful for your support because it is your support that helps us to keep our work on a predictable path. It is your funding, especially multi-year funding arrangements that help us to keep a committed and well-trained staff on the ground supporting countries to lead their responses.

Reaching the world's global AIDS targets depends upon adequate and dependable funding for the Joint Programme. Without the Joint Programme, the global response is leaderless, directionless and will lose energy and momentum. We are appealing for your support over the next two years, and beyond, because it is vital to deliver on target 3.3 of the SDGs.

Today's presentations will demonstrate how UNAIDS commitments have been fulfilled, will show the impact of your investments, and will set out how further investments will take us forward.

Thank you.

