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Dear Government of **(name of the country),**

It’s been 3 years. In 2016 you took our breath away when (name of the country) pledged **XXX amount** to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund). We, the undersigned advocates, activist and representatives of communities living with, affected by and vulnerable to the three diseases in **Eastern Europe and Central Asia region,** have swooned over (name of the country) contributions since Global Fund’s establishment in 2002 which has saved over 27 million lives and which continue to build sustainable health systems, promote human rights, and advance gender equality.

We can’t get out of our minds how (name of the country) contributions have catalyzed counterpart domestic resources contributions for health from developing countries including those in our region. (Name of the country) and other donor countries’ continuous support to the Global Fund sends the clear and strong message that these countries continue to care in the fight against the three diseases and improving the lives of those most impacted and vulnerable to them!

And so how could we help but love (name of the country) back?

Communities and civil society advocates in over 40 countries across the world, both developed and developing, are joining forces today to show our love to (name of the country) and to appreciate the continuous commitment and dedication of (name of the country) for the fight against HIV, TB and Malaria. Our letters of love and appreciation will be reaching the embassies of (name of the country) in number of countries today while in some, our colleagues will meet (name of the country) representative at respective embassies.

This year, the Global Fund embarks on its Sixth Replenishment process to fund the next three-year cycle of implementation for 2020 – 2022. In the next Replenishment, the Global Fund aims to raise at least US $14 billion which will help save 16 million lives, cut the mortality rate from HIV, TB and malaria in half, and build stronger health systems by 2023.

However, the world is not on track to end HIV, TB and Malaria as epidemics. HIV is the leading global cause of early death among women ages 15 – 49. A total of 37.6 million people now live with HIV, and new infections 1.8 million annually. TB is the world’s most lethal infectious disease, with over 10 million new cases each year, an estimated 1.8 million deaths annually, over a quarter of the world’s population carrying latent TB infection, and many more at risk for infection and illness. Malaria infected an estimated 216 million people in 2016, killing 445,000 people, including 285,000 children under the age of five; and remains a major killer of children, taking the life of a child every two minutes. In particular, in EECA region Global Fund supported programs supporting life-saving treatment and prevention services make a huge contribution in taking HIV and TB epidemics under control.

2019 is a pivotal year to get back on track on our fight against the three diseases. In 2015, World leaders committed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030 pledging to deliver health and well-being for all, to achieve universal health coverage, and to build a more prosperous, equitable and sustainable world. With only 11 years left it is time to step up our game!

Raising at least US$14 billion by the Global Fund for its Sixth Replenishment, will signify merely a maintenance of the current programming and not scaled-up responses to the three epidemics. Technical partners have estimated the total funding need for AIDS, TB and malaria at US$46 billion annually of which, as the *Get Back on Track to End the Epidemics* report by the Global Fund Advocates Network (GFAN) estimates, at least US$16.8 to US$18 billion should be invested through the Global Fund for the Sixth Replenishment (2020-2022). This would reflect a minimum increase of 22% compared to the US$11.9 billion raised from the Fifth Replenishment (2017-2019).

An increased Replenishment will provide the Global Fund the ability to scale up its effective responses and get the world back on track to fight the three diseases!

Hence, we want (name of the country) to show us love by making the following firm commitments:

* We call on **(name of the country)** to show us love by increasing its pledge to the Sixth Replenishment of the Global Fund from its previous pledge of **(amount)** for the Fifth Replenishment.
* We call on **(name of the country)** to lead the global donor community by announcing an early pledge and rallying other donor countries to increase their pledges to the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment.
* We call on **(name of the country)** to demonstrate its contributions towards achieving the SDGs and building stronger health systems to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all by pledging its full support for a fully funded Global Fund that is able to scale up its fight against AIDS, TB and Malaria.
* We hope **(name of the country)** will continue to care, and to be a top Global Fund champion and funding contributor.

Trusting that you won’t break our hearts,

**Signatories**