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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your recent announcement that the United States will host the Seventh Replenishment of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) in 2022. We are writing in support of a robust and increased three-year U.S. pledge for this replenishment.

The Global Fund partnership has saved over 44 million lives since 2002, but widespread service disruptions and exhausted health care systems due to the COVID-19 pandemic have reversed crucial progress against AIDS, TB and malaria for the first time since the Global Fund was established. Comparing 2020 to 2019, HIV prevention services declined by 11%, one million fewer people were treated for TB, and malaria testing dropped by 4%. That is why the Global Fund must maintain focus on combatting AIDS, TB and malaria and addressing the backsliding caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic. A U.S. contribution to the Global Fund should be separate and additive to COVID-19 response efforts, and should not come at the expense of other crucial U.S. investments in global development and humanitarian response.

Since its inception, the Global Fund has enjoyed broad bipartisan support in Congress. This support has been maintained because the Global Fund has consistently demonstrated concrete progress in fighting infectious disease and saving lives. Since 2002, the number of deaths caused by AIDS, TB and malaria each year has been reduced by nearly one-half in countries where the Global Fund invests. The Global Fund is distinctive for its emphasis on country ownership, as well as its inclusive partnerships with the private sector, faith-based organizations and civil society.

With an increased U.S. pledge, the Global Fund can build on investments in the fight against AIDS, TB and malaria and continue to strengthen global health systems, which have shown themselves to be crucial to pandemic response. A January 2021 study published in the Lancet determined that over a third of Global Fund investments already promote pandemic preparedness and health security.

As the host of the Seventh Replenishment and the largest donor to the Global Fund, an increased United States pledge will be catalytic with other donors. The United States by law cannot contribute more than 33% of total Global Fund financing. At the Sixth Replenishment in 2019, the increased United States pledge encouraged numerous donors to increase their support, including Canada, France, Germany, the United Kingdom, Italy and the European Commission.
A robust U.S. pledge is an investment in economic growth at home, supporting healthier workers and expanding trade opportunities that directly benefit the American people. The Global Fund projects that for every $1 invested, it will generate $19 in economic returns and health gains, contributing to direct economic benefits for the U.S. The administration must continue to conduct rigorous oversight of all U.S. contributions to ensure every dollar is maximizing impact.

We are proud that the United States is the leading contributor to the Global Fund, an active member of the Board, and partner on the ground in countries around the world. In addition to reflecting our values and leadership, U.S. contributions to the Global Fund are an investment in countries that are critical to U.S. security and are growing markets for U.S. trade.

We must not let COVID-19 allow us to lose momentum in the fight to end AIDS, TB and malaria. An increased United States investment in the Global Fund represents a major opportunity to safeguard progress against these epidemics, build a foundation for stronger and more resilient health systems, and rally support from other donors.

We urge the Administration to make bold and increased pledge for the Global Fund’s Seventh Replenishment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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