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CONSULTATION ON PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE HIV RESPONSE: Regional and sub regional strategies and best practices- 12 FEV.2019.

Thank you Mr.(Mme) moderator,

First of all my delegation would like to congratulate the panelists for their presentations as well as to commend the organization of this important event.

As you may recall, the UNAIDS created an important tool that is the Global HIV Prevention Coalition (that was) launched in October 2017, here in Geneva, aiming at reducing new HIV infections by 75% by 2020, and help to End the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat by 2030.

The SADC region in Africa is one of the most affected by this Epidemy. For that reason Angola joints the appeal to double any effort to reduce the almost 2%, of the prevalence rate, which is actually bellow the avarage sub-Saharan rate where more than 67% of new HIV infections are among young people, particularly women and girls. This is a critical situation, therefore, Angola reiterates its commitment to the global goal of eliminating AIDS epidemics by the year 2030, as well as the UNAIDS interim targets 90/90/90 by 2020, recognizing that much is need to be done to achieve the international established goals.

These efforts will only be possible through multilateral cooperation, as well as by political engagement to end the AIDS in line with the 2030 Agenda, and the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS adopted Members States in June 2016.

The Republic of Angola as a contribution has promoted many legal instruments in the context of HIV & AIDS and Human Rights to prevent and combat all form of stigma and discrimination in accordance with the Article 1 and 26.1 of the Constitution of Angola . The Government has adopted some policies and strategies toward the goal of ending this *epidemia* in a more effective way, in particular through the PND 2018-2022 and the National Health Development Plan 2012-2025.

In conclusion my delegation is of view that it's imperative to reduce new HIV infections and quicken the pace of our collective action to make a clear difference in the global AIDS response. Let's be opened to review the current national plans and identify if any adjustments required. We need to work together with only one objective which is to leave no one behind,

Thank you for your attention.