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Dear Mr Manservisi,

The Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria is an important financing instrument in the area of global health. It provides two thirds of international funding for malaria control and has contributed significantly to the successes already made in the fight against the three diseases. According to data collected by the Global Fund, its programmes are responsible for saving an estimated 4,000 lives a day (e.g., by supporting malaria treatment access) and preventing thousands of new infections. Its malaria initiatives have helped nine malaria-endemic countries in Africa achieve a 50 percent reduction in malaria cases in 2008 compared with 2000.

To continue on this path of success with its existing programmes and rapidly scale up to help achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in 2015, the Global Fund needs continued and increased support. The opportunity to do this falls on 4-5 October 2010, at the Global Fund Replenishment Conference in New York, where donors will be asked to pledge at least USD 20 billion for the period 2011-2013. The increased financial needs of the Global Fund are linked to the rise in the number of high-quality proposals from developing countries and the establishment of effective delivery structures in these countries. However, USD 20 billion is still a conservative amount and will not be enough to cover the high costs of treating multi-resistant tuberculosis, provide all malaria patients with effective ACTs, or follow the new WHO treatment guidelines for HIV/AIDS.

Another move to achieve the MDGs comes from product development partnerships (PDPs) that are researching new life-saving drugs, diagnostics and vaccines to treat and prevent diseases that disproportionately affect the developing world. WHO's Expert Working Group on R&D Financing has recognized the crucial role that PDPs play in accelerating R&D for, and promoting access to, life-saving health tools for these diseases.

The world has joined forces to work towards achieving the ambitious development goals by 2015, but this will be extremely difficult if not impossible if donors do not generously replenish the Global Fund over the next 3 years. In addition, a poor or limited replenishment would negatively affect, to varying degrees, efforts to achieve all the other MDGs, given their interconnectedness.

So far, the European Commission has adequately supported the Global Fund and the European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP). Today, we call urgently upon the Commission to at least double its commitment for the period 2011-2013 to make sure that the funding needs of the Global Fund are met and to support the important research work of not-for-profit PDPs in their bid to find effective interventions against diseases such as malaria and leishmaniasis. This support will go a long way towards achieving the MDGs.

STOP MALARIA NOW! sincerely hopes that the European Commission and EU member states will show leadership in this area and contribute towards the global move to stop disease-endemic countries from spiralling deeper into poverty and ill-health. Millions of lives can be saved through your support.

Yours sincerely,

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STOP MALARIA NOW! is a consortium of ten health and development NGOs<sup>1</sup> from Europe and Africa. Our aim is to raise public awareness of malaria and mobilize respective support for stronger political, financial and strategic commitments of European governments in order to achieve internationally-agreed malaria-related targets. STOP MALARIA NOW! represents our contribution to global civil society efforts to reduce poverty in line with the MDGs.



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