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H.E. Ms Kang Kyung-Wha  
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Dear Minister Kang,

For the Fifth Replenishment of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) in 2016, Republic of Korea pledged **USD 11,773,844** to the Global Fund for the 2017 – 2019 allocation cycle. The Global Fund Advocates Network Asia-Pacific (GFAN AP) along with advocates, activists and representatives of communities living with, affected by, and/or vulnerable to the three diseases in Asia-Pacific appreciate your contributions since the establishment of the Global Fund in 2002 which has saved over 27 million lives and continues to build resilient and sustainable systems for health, promote and protect human rights, and advance gender equality.

We cannot get out of our minds how the contributions from the Republic of Korea have catalysed counterpart domestic resources contributions for health from implementing countries. The continuous support that donors including yourself to the Global Fund, sends the message that you do care about us, the fight against the three diseases, and improving the lives of those most impacted and vulnerable to them!

On Saint Valentine's Day this year, communities and civil society reached out to 14 Embassies of your country including the embassies of Republic of Korea in Commonwealth of Australia, Republic of Bangladesh, Kingdom of Cambodia, Republic of India, Italian Republic, Japan, Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Republic of Nigeria, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Socialist Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka, Republic of Tanzania, Kingdom of Thailand, Republic of Uganda and Ukraine with Saint Valentine's Day cards, love letters and flowers to appreciate Republic of Korea's contributions to the Global Fund so far and to urge you to increase your pledge and calling you to #LoveMoreGiveMore.

Through its long-term partnership and contribution to the Global Fund, The Republic of Korea has achieved an unprecedented impact in global health by supporting programmes that have contributed to saving 27 million lives since 2002 in more than 100 countries thanks to its commitment to development and global health, and its innovative approach to financing global health with the air levy tax. We appreciate Republic of Korea's commitment to continue to increase its Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) to 0.2% of Gross National Income (GNI) by 2020 recognizing the importance of ODA as a critical development resource in the SDGs era, especially for poor and vulnerable countries with special needs.

This year, the Global Fund embarks on its Sixth Replenishment process to raise at least US\$14 billion which will help to save 16 million lives, cut the mortality rate from HIV, TB and malaria in half, and contribute towards stronger health systems by 2023. 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<sup>1</sup> 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).

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 (UHC), and to build a more prosperous, equitable and sustainable world by leaving no one behind. In 2018, the development of the Global Action Plan and its framework

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<sup>1</sup> Get Back on Track to End the Epidemics - <http://www.globalfundadvocatesnetwork.org/campaign/get-back-on-track/>

united 12 health and development institutions under a common aim to accelerate progress towards SDG 3: Health and Well-being for all. With only 11 years more to 2030, it is crucial that we accelerate our actions in achieving SDGs.

Raising at least US\$14 billion for the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment will present us with an opportunity towards the acceleration of progress towards SDG 3 and UHC through strengthening health care systems; reinforcing health security; spurring domestic investment of US\$46 billion during the period 2021-2023; tackling inequalities in health including gender- and human rights-related barriers to access; and yielding a return on investment of 1:19 with every dollar invested.

Getting back on track to end the epidemics and deliver the broader SDG 3 targets will require all the actors involved, including multilateral and bilateral partners, governments, communities, civil society, and the private sector to raise their game, accelerate innovation, coordinate and collaborate more efficiently and execute programmes more effectively.

An increased and successful 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 the Republic of South Korea to be our Hero!

**Be a Global Fund Sixth Replenishment Hero and show us you care by increasing your Pledge to the Sixth Replenishment of the Global Fund from your previous pledge for the Fifth Replenishment!**

**Be a Hero among other donor countries and lead and rally the global donor community including private sector and private foundations to increase their pledges to the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment and announce early pledges!**

**Be a Hero for sustainable development and for the Universal Health Coverage agenda by pledging full support for a successful Sixth Replenishment that enables the Global Fund to scale up its fight against AIDS, TB and Malaria in achieving the SDGs and building resilient and sustainable systems for health to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being and to leave no one behind!**

We hope the Republic of Korea will continue to be our Hero, Global Fund Champion and Contributor because...

**#HeroesGiveMore**  
**#AtLeast14Billion**  
**#StepUpTheFight**  
**#GetBackOnTrack**

#### **Global Fund Advocates Network Asia Pacific (GFAN AP)**

GFAN AP is a platform of community and civil society advocates for a fully funded Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund). It supports community and civil society mobilisation in the areas of increased domestic financing for HIV, TB, and malaria; increased donor contributions towards the Global Fund; and ensuring that policy frameworks on health financing take into account community, rights, and gender issues. For more information, please visit, [www.gfanasiapacific.org](http://www.gfanasiapacific.org) or contact Rachel Ong, Regional Coordinator – [Rachel.ong@gfanasiapacific.org](mailto:Rachel.ong@gfanasiapacific.org) or Niluka Perera, Communications and Coordination Officer – [Niluka.perera@gfanasiapacific.org](mailto:Niluka.perera@gfanasiapacific.org)

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