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ICAD Applauds the Government of France as Host to the 6th Replenishment Conference for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria

OTTAWA, Canada, 17 May, 2018—The Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development (ICAD) congratulates President Emmanuel Macron on his global health leadership and renewed commitment to tackle HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria with France’s announcement to host the 6th Global Fund Replenishment Conference in 2019. The Replenishment Conference is a global gathering that convenes world leaders, private sector partners, and community and civil society to demonstrate the strength of the Global Fund partnership model in mobilizing political will that is matched by ambitious funding commitments for the period of 2019-2022. Investments of this level will drive transformative change necessary to bend the trajectory of these three global epidemics and end them as global public health threats by 2030.

“A fully funded Global Fund means more lives saved, stronger health and community systems, thriving communities and significant advancements in gender equality and human rights. We celebrate France in hosting this pivotal conference that will have far-reaching impact on global health more broadly,” said Robin Montgomery, Executive Director of ICAD. The Global Fund is an international financing institution that mobilizes and disburses resources to countries to support programming that prevents, treats, and cares for people living with and affected by HIV, TB and malaria.

Since its creation in 2002, the Global Fund has saved more than 22 million lives in over 100 countries. As noted in France’s announcement, infectious diseases remain a major challenge for global health with dramatic human and economic consequences, especially in low income countries. *“A successful replenishment will be one of many critical steps in ensuring that communities have the tools and support they need to respond to these epidemics,”* said Montgomery.

ICAD welcomes France’s commitment to accelerating progress against these three diseases. We look forward to France’s leadership in working with the Global Fund and its stakeholders to renew and expand access to life-saving health commodities and services that will benefit millions of people worldwide.

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