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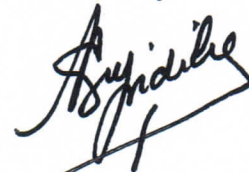
Dear Ms Akers,

Thank you very much for hosting my visit to St. James Infirmary on 14 June. I enjoyed meeting you, your dedicated team and your wonderful clients. On my first visit to San Francisco I wanted to see first-hand the challenges and the opportunities you face. I was particularly concerned to learn how possession of condoms can be used by police to criminalize safe sexual behavior. You can be sure that I will continue to advocate for an end to this deplorable practice.

I also want to thank you for so graciously hosting lunch for me and my colleagues. I was especially impressed with how well you and your colleagues were prepared for our discussion.

Your leadership is encouraging to me and my colleagues at UNAIDS as we work to achieve our shared vision of zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths.

Yours sincerely,



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