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Dear Ms Merlin-Scholtes,

## LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE JOINT UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME ON HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) SECRETARIAT AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP)

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Secretariat would like to enter into an agreement with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) through its office in Bangkok, Thailand, for the provision of a financial contribution to the project entitled "Theme Group Initiative for Mobilizing and Empowering Leadership in the Thai Response to HIV/AIDS".

We have the pleasure of informing you that UNAIDS agrees to provide the maximum amount of US\$100,000 (US dollars: One hundred thousand) within the framework of the OPEC agreement with UNAIDS, subject to the availability of funds and following the project description and budget detailed in the attachment which forms an integral part of this Agreement. It is understood that this amount includes any programme support costs of the executing agency.

Hence the terms of payment will be as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Payment:

US\$50,000

upon receipt of the countersigned copy of the Agreement

2<sup>nd</sup> Payment:

US\$50,000

upon submission of a satisfactory interim report

By signing this Letter of Agreement, you agree to report to UNAIDS on the performance of work, which may be subject to verification by UNAIDS, if it so requests, and to carry out the work as provided for in this Agreement, through a final, detailed, technical and financial report on the use of the entire contribution three months after the end of the period covered by this Letter of Agreement (15 July 2005 to 15 July 2006), namely by 15 October 2006. A detailed final financial report on the use of the funds shall also be submitted to UNAIDS by 15 October 2006, at which time any unused funds shall be returned to UNAIDS, unless otherwise agreed in writing between the parties. During the course of implementation, all partners involved should ensure that the OPEC Fund's contribution is acknowledged and suitable visibility is given as appropriate.

Encl.: (1)

cc:

Ms Ines Zialitis, Chairperson, UNTG on HIV/AIDS, UNICEF/Thailand

Mr Patrick Brenny, UNAIDS Country Coordinator, Thailand

Mr JVR Prasada Rao, Regional Director, RST-AP, Thailand

Mr Ninan Varughese, Manager, OPEC - Regional Initiatives, UNAIDS

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UNDP/THAILAND will disburse the funds to the implementing agencies based on the agreed work plan and in consultation with the UNAIDS Secretariat. Please note that UNDP/Thailand is also expected to coordinate with the UNAIDS Secretariat at various stages in the implementation of this proposal according to the agreed upon timeline.

Any dispute relating to the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall, unless amicably settled, be subject to conciliation. In the event of failure of the latter, the dispute shall be settled by arbitration. The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the modalities to be agreed upon by the parties, or in the absence of agreement, with the rules of arbitration of UNCITRAL (United Nations Commission on International Trade Law). The Parties shall accept the arbitral award as final.

It is understood further that the implementation of this Agreement does not create any employer/employee relationship between UNDP/Thailand and the UNAIDS Secretariat. The UNAIDS Secretariat will not be responsible for any loss, accident, damage or injury suffered by UNDP/Thailand or any person as a result of the implementation of this Agreement or in any manner whatsoever.

If you are in agreement with the foregoing, please sign both copies of this Agreement and return one original copy to us, indicating the bank account, name and address, where payment should be made.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Suman Mehta
Deputy Director
Country and Regional
Support Department

The foregoing arrangements are hereby accepted and agreed on behalf of UNDP/Thailand:

Signature:

Mrs. Joana Merlin-Scholtes

Name

UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative

Title : .... Resident Coordi

Date

. 27 July 2005

Bank Name

Bank of America NA

**Bank Address** 

. UNDP Representative in Thailand, 1401 Elm Street, Dallas Tx, USA

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Account No.

3752207394

ABA Number:

111000012 (for payments from US banks)

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