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Dear Ms Pace, Dear Dr Koonin,

Thank you for your letter dated 7 May 2019 expressing your support for our continued efforts on the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-Being for All.

On behalf of the principals of the Global Action Plan signatory agencies, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you, the Global Action Plan Civil Society Advisory Group and to the broader community and civil society organizations for your energy, ideas and willingness to engage in support of health and well-being for all.

Since the first days of conceptualizing how we might better collaborate and align our work under the Global Action Plan we identified meaningful community and civil society engagement as an area for critical focus. Non-State actors have a significant role to play in advancing health and demand-side perspectives from communities and civil society are central to ensuring quality, equity, enhanced accountability and visibility for health. Indeed this was the rationale behind the creation of an accelerator on community and civil society engagement.

We have considered your request for further consultation opportunities, building on the 30 April 2019 consultation, and have agreed that in June 2019 we will share details of the emerging outline of the Global Action Plan and actions emerging from the accelerator working groups for online stakeholder feedback. This will offer a short window as we finalize the document that will be shared at sessions planned for the United Nations General Assembly in September 2019.

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Dr Justin Koonin, President, ACON (AIDS Council of New South Wales), Surry Hills

We also note that the various actions and initiatives that will be promoted through the Global Action Plan will continue to evolve as we move into the implementation phase and will continue to benefit from community and civil society perspectives. We appreciate the initiative taken to form this Advisory Group, and for the work you have undertaken so far. Please coordinate with my Special Adviser, Dr Peter Singer, on behalf of the Global Action Plan Secretariat, on next steps and opportunities to meet.

We look forward to discussing with you how we might involve the Advisory Group, and broader communities and civil society, in support of implementation, accountability and advocacy for health within the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Yours sincerely,

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