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Congratulations to Uganda's newly elected leaders

The International Community of Women Living with HIV Eastern Africa congratulates Uganda's newly elected and sworn in leaders in their various position of offices. We commit on behalf of Women living with HIV in your areas of service to constructively work with you and your teams for improved health service delivery access and accountability.

We recognize that as the new term office begins, there are many pressing issues, commitments and demands from the electorate. We know that with systems and structures in place together with financial support from the government and using other locally generated revenues, you all have a mandate to deliver on those commitments and demands from the electorate.

We would therefore like, to draw your attention to requests and demands of Women Living with HIV in your areas that are heavily affected and impacted by the HIV epidemic. Women living with HIV make up 60% of people living with HIV. Though affected most by the HIV epidemic, they are not meaningfully involved in the decision making processes. Women are discriminated against, prone to all forms of gender based violence and have limited opportunities to access and utilize economic resources at family/community and government level.

Below we present the priorities for your consideration & we are convinced they are achievable:

- (i) Increase health sector funding to close access and utilization gaps;
- (ii) Meaningfully engage and involve women living with HIV in district processes: policy, programming, budgeting and implementation;
- (iii) Allocate resources and grants to groups and organisations of women living with HIV;
- (iv) End the AIDS Epidemic through universal treatment using high impact and Human right approaches; promotion of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of women living with HIV and End Violence Against Women;
- (v) Oppose discriminatory laws and policies that hinder access and undermine the rights to health
- (vi) Economically empower women living with HIV.

Once again we want to commit ourselves and our constituencies to working with you in the next five years. We also pledge that partnership with women living with HIV in the district will result into commendable results

We wish you good five years of good leadership, commitment and accountability. May they be filled with meaningful participation and involvement of women living with HIV at district and national level.