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Dear Minister Sergeenko,

On behalf of the Conference Coordinating Committee, we cordially invite you to participate in the 22nd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2018), held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, from 23 – 27 July 2018.

AIDS 2018 is one of the largest conferences on any global health issue in the world. First convened during the peak of the AIDS epidemic in 1985, it continues to provide a unique forum for the intersection of science, advocacy, and human rights. Each conference is an opportunity to strengthen policies and programmes that ensure an evidence-based response to the epidemic.

Conference sessions and activities will aim to empower key and vulnerable populations by discussing methods to build bridges and break barriers socially, economically and politically, such as encouraging best practices of healthcare service delivery and access. AIDS 2018 aims to inspire participants, speakers and the wider public to raise awareness and act on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) target to end AIDS by 2030.

Your expertise will provide important insights into ways to address local and international HIV and AIDS prevention measures. Additionally, your presence at the conference would be an inspiration to the global HIV and AIDS community, including those infected with or affected by HIV. It would also send a strong signal to the world on the continued significance to fight the epidemic and, more notably, the importance of Georgia's role in addressing the global target to end AIDS.

We would like to open a dialogue with you and your team to discuss potential roles that would align with your priorities and schedule. Please contact Kasia Daghigh, Conference Programme Manager, at kasia.daghigh@iasociety.org to further discuss this invitation.

We hope that you will be able to join us soon in Amsterdam.

Yours respectfully,



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