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Your Excellency,

On the occasion of the Seventy-second World Health Assembly to be held in Geneva from 20 – 28 May 2019, I would be grateful for an opportunity to meet with you to discuss the partnership between the Global Fund and Georgia in the national response to AIDS and Tuberculosis.

2019 is a particularly critical year in the fight against AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria for two reasons:

- first, in most countries the Global Fund grants for this current allocation cycle are now in full implementation mode. Working together to ensure these programs are operating effectively to maximise impact is thus of vital importance.
- second, the Global Fund's sixth replenishment Conference will take place in October in France. A successful replenishment is crucial to stepping up the fight against these three epidemics.

Through the efforts of all the partners comprising the Global Fund partnership we continue to make good progress against the three diseases. Yet, although the opportunity to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal target of ending the epidemics by 2030 is within reach, it is not yet firmly in our grasp. With only eleven years left before 2030, we have no time to waste and must step up the fight.

In this context, we would welcome an opportunity to discuss the following matters:

- Looking ahead to the challenges of achieving SDG 3: health and well-being for all;
- Delivering results and impact on the ground in the fight against AIDS and Tuberculosis;
- Key grant-related issues, including Co-Financing; and
- Ongoing support from Georgia for the Global Fund replenishment

I would be grateful if our offices could coordinate to find a mutually convenient time, should your agenda permit. I wish to thank you for your consideration and look forward to the pleasure of meeting you at your best convenience.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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