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Dear CCM Chair and Members,

Today, you are receiving a more technical letter from Mark Edington on the allocation for your country. In addition, I wanted to write to thank you for your efforts and to assure you of the support and service of the partnership that is the Global Fund.

The Sustainable Development Goals, adopted in 2015 by all countries, set clear and ambitious targets to end the epidemics of HIV, TB and malaria by 2030. By focusing on impact, those noble goals can and will be reached. But they can be reached only through partnership. I want to assure you that the Global Fund partnership is at your service to achieve those goals, under your national strategies, to create a healthy and vibrant society in your country. We stand in solidarity with you.

As we look forward, it is worth keeping in mind how far we have come, since 2000. With partnership and determined effort, global health efforts have saved millions of lives and transformed the lives and livelihoods of millions more. What was thought impossible then has been achieved. There are many challenges ahead to end the epidemics, and we know that resilient and sustainable systems for health will be needed to reach the last mile to achieve those disease-specific goals, and also to achieve another SDG – Universal Health Coverage.

In addition, we know that the quality of programs and services can vary greatly, and that a focus on impact requires that all people receive high quality services. It is an exciting and challenging time. With a projected massive growth in the youth population there can be a demographic dividend or a demographic disaster. People and ideas are on the move around the world on an unprecedented scale. At such times, we have a choice between looking inward, backward and with fear or looking outward, forward with great hope. The remarkable partnership that is our Global Fund is on the side of solidarity and hope, giving flight to the better angels of our nature.

Thank you for your service. Through partnership and with humility, all is possible.

