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March to Parliament on 19 September 2006

All Members of Parliament are invited to participate in our meeting outside Parliament to discuss TAC's demands

400 seats for MPs will be made available outside Parliament

Our Demands:

- Convene a national meeting and plan for the HIV/AIDS crisis now.
- End deaths in prisons - provide nutrition, treatment and prevention.
- Dismiss Health Minister Manto Tshabalala-Msimang.
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Respect the rule of law and the Constitution.

- Health for all - End health Apartheid, Build a People's Health Service.

Time: Rally starts @ 10h30 at Keizergracht Street. March starts at 12pm and will proceed to Parliament.

We will ask MPs to put pressure on the Department of Health to amend the ARV site accreditation process which is acting as a bottleneck to access to treatment.

The event also coincides with the monthly Correctional Services Portfolio Committee meeting. The march will highlight the need for the committee to pressure the Department of Correctional Services to develop an HIV plan for all Prisons and to take address HIV infections in prisons seriously.

We will demonstrate with 110 crosses to represent the 110 deaths that occurred in Westville prison last year. We will also have 1,000 people carrying boards representing the over 1,000 new infections in South Africa daily In front of parliament we will have 400 chairs, one for each Member of Parliament, to come meet with the public on the issue of HIV. We hope MPs will take up our offer.

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Appeal to support our global call to action

In South Africa, 800 lives are lost to AIDS and 1000 new HIV infections occur on a daily basis. This is despite a government promise to provide comprehensive AIDS treatment and prevent new infections. The destruction and social dislocation resulting from this is tragic and unacceptable for a country which has the resources to do better. Continued failure to acknowledge HIV and AIDS as a crisis and to take decisive action has forced the TAC to step up pressure for the government to respond properly to end this crisis.

800 deaths a day should be intolerable in any society and we will not tolerate it. This is why we have called on the President to convene a national crisis meeting on AIDS and for the firing of the Minister of Health for failing in her duties. We believe that millions of people depend upon our success with these demands and we will not end this campaign until there is a real and lasting breakthrough. We consider this campaign necessary because continuing with the current approach to AIDS, which is being exacerbated by political denial, would be a dereliction of all our duty to save lives. Your contribution will save lives!

To sustain this campaign, we are planning further demonstrations, meetings with key allies, and a campaign of advertisements in national media setting out the facts about HIV death in our country as well as what we feel needs to

be done to avert this crisis.

If you support this campaign we appeal to you to help us by donating to TAC's Campaign Fund. If you are employed donate via our website Donate Now and encourage your friends, family and comrades to do the same. Every donation will be recorded and audited. TAC's audited financial statements for previous years are publicly available. To find out more about the work of TAC and how you could become more involved, please visit our website www.tac.org.za or contact our National Office on +2721 788 3507.

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Thank you.

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