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A vital UN High Level-Meeting on HIV/AIDS is taking place from June 8-10 in New York. This meeting will assess the gains made in the global response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic, as well as what is needed to save lives and prevent future infections going forward into the next decade.

Central to the outcome of this meeting will be the final declaration agreed upon by Member States. The draft declaration, referred to as the Zero Draft, is currently being negotiated in New York.

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