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Dr. Cleopa Mailu
Cabinet Secretary,
Ministry of Health,
Afya House, Cathedral Road,
P.O. Box 30016–00100,
Nairobi, Kenya.

Dear Dr. Mailu,

Re: Roll-out of Dolutegravir (DTG) based HIV treatment.

This is in follow up to our letter <http://nephak.or.ke/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/DTG-Letter-to-KCM-Chairpdf.pdf>

On this World AIDS Day 2017, we are inspired by the theme: 'My Health; My Right' and the clarion call: 'Right to Health' and would like to reiterate the call to the Ministry of Health to fast-track the roll-out of Dolutegravir based HIV treatment for those who need it and eventually to all people living with HIV in Kenya.

This World AIDS Day 2017 call is informed on the fact that DTG is to all other first line treatments currently in use in Kenya (has very few side effects; is easier to take than currently used formulations and PLHI are less likely to develop resistance.

We maintain that Kenya currently has adequate resources from partners and especially from the US - PEPFAR and the Global Fund to enable fast-tracking of Dolutegravir to all people living with HIV. This is the only sure way to deliver on the 90.90.90 HIV treatment targets by 2020 and end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

We also use this occasion of the World AIDS Day 2017 to call for tangible, specific and measurable actions to enable the delivery of universal health coverage to all Kenyans as has always been promised by the Government.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Director, NEPHAK.

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