One million deaths - that is the number of estimated HIV-related deaths in 2016, a figure that the States have committed to halving by 2020. One year from this deadline, this target is still far from being achieved and the decline in AIDS-related mortality is experiencing a worrying slow-down.

We, as activists in the fight against AIDS united within Coalition PLUS, are calling for the implementation of a specific plan to provide better care for the opportunistic infections affecting people with advanced HIV infection.

We demand that the following urgent actions be taken:

- Reinforce early diagnosis, retention in care and adherence to treatment;
- Make available all medication recommended as part of the care package defined by the WHO for the treatment of advanced HIV;
- Better train healthcare staff in the treatment of advanced HIV;
- Equip healthcare facilities with a better system to monitor the development of the epidemic and notification of AIDS-related deaths;
- Reduce the stigmatization and discrimination that render access to care extremely difficult for the populations most vulnerable to the epidemic;
- Increase national funding allocated to the fight against HIV/AIDS.

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