

**APPEAL**  
**of the Council for Cooperation in the field of healthcare of the**  
**States-participants in the Commonwealth of Independent States**  
**to the participants in the 26<sup>th</sup> special session**  
**of the U.N. General Assembly on HIV/AIDS**

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The city of Baku

The Council for Cooperation in the field of healthcare of the states-participants in the Commonwealth of Independent States,

*Taking guidance from* the Agreement on Cooperation in the solution to problems of HIV infection dated 25<sup>th</sup> November 1998,

*Being aware that* the disease caused by the human immunodeficiency virus demands concerted actions on the global scale and created a real threat for population of the states-participants in the Commonwealth of the Independent States,

*Taking into account* the special social significance of the HIV/AIDS problem for the countries with economies in transition,

*Confirming* the need for taking timely, effective actions for comprehensive prevention of HIV infection and for concerted actions to secure the protection of the rights and interests of the individual,

on behalf of the medical community of the states-participants in the Commonwealth of Independent States sends greetings to the participants of the 26<sup>th</sup> special session of the U.N. General Assembly on HIV/AIDS and wishes them fruitful work in the development of initiatives, intensification of international cooperation and efforts aimed at combating HIV/AIDS;

emphasizes its appreciation of the efforts made by the international organizations operating in the states-participants in the Commonwealth of Independent States to assist and support them in the solution to problems associated with this disease;

expresses confidence that the recommendations of the 26<sup>th</sup> special session of the U.N. General Assembly will make it possible to draw the attention of international organizations and potential donors to the problems and needs of our region, facilitate expansion of international cooperation regarding the acute problem of HIV/AIDS in the interests of the population of the states-participants in the Commonwealth.