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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Thank you for your recent letter about Round 6 of the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis, (TB) and Malaria, which were discussed at its Board meeting in April.

The UK took a leading role in supporting the call for the launch of a new round of Global Fund grants at the Board. The Board agreed the launch of Round 6. Applicants will have to submit their grant proposals to the Global Fund by August 3 2006 and the grants recommended for approval will be presented to the Board at its next meeting on 1-3 November 2006.

The UK is a strong supporter of the Global Fund. We are committed to making it work even better and to ensuring the global response to AIDS, TB and Malaria is improved. Additional resources are needed to enable the Global Fund to finance new projects in 2006 and 2007. Approximately \$1 billion will be needed to finance Round 6 in 2006.

The UK has pledged £359 million to the Global Fund for the period 2002 to 2008. Our contribution in 2005 was £51 million which brings our total contribution delivered to date to £159 million. Over the next two years we have

pledged to provide £100 million to the Global Fund for 2006 and £100 million for 2007. This exceeds our Gross National Income fair share. We will continue to work with the EU and other potential donors to encourage them to provide additional support to the Global Fund to ensure that Round 6 is fully funded and approved this year.

Yours ever,

Tony Blair

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