

**Remarks of U.S. President Barack Obama**  
**Video Message for the XVIII International AIDS Conference**  
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Hello everybody, and greetings to all of you who are taking part in the 18th International AIDS Conference in Vienna.

As President, I've directed my Administration to redouble our efforts to prevent and treat HIV/AIDS – both here in America and around the world.

That's why, even in a tough fiscal environment, I have asked for increases to PEPFAR in both my budgets – 2011 being the largest PEPFAR budget to date. We've also embedded it in a comprehensive Global Health Initiative to help other countries improve health care, save lives and increase life expectancy.

The GHI has set clear goals to get this done. We're going to double the number of babies born HIV-free, and work to prevent more than 12 million new infections. We'll provide direct support to more than 4 million people on treatment. And we'll help more than 12 million people – including 5 million children and orphans – get the care they need.

I'm also committed to ending the HIV epidemic here in the United States. More than 56,000 Americans become infected with HIV every year. A large percentage of those cases are concentrated in a few communities, including gay and bisexual men, African Americans, Latinos and substance abusers.

That's why my Administration released a National HIV/AIDS Strategy that increases our focus on reducing the number of new infections in these high-risk groups and making our entire nation healthier. Our strategy also involves increasing access to care, reducing HIV-related health disparities and improving coordination across the government and the private sector.

Ending this pandemic won't be easy, and it won't happen overnight. But thanks to you, we've come a long way – and the United States is committed to continuing that progress.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication. And I look forward to welcoming all of you to Washington, DC in July 2012.