INTERNATIONAL PETITION
AGAINST CRIMINALIZATION OF HIV TRANSMISSION

We, the undersigned, demand the complete and definitive abrogation, in every country of every law that aims specifically at punishing HIV positive men and women for the transmission of HIV.

In the countries where no specific laws exist but where HIV positive people are however sentenced by courts for having transmitted HIV, we demand that prosecutors understand that such sentencing plays into the pandemic, and either stop taking HIV transmission cases, or refrain from requesting prison or damages against people living with HIV.

We demand that the prison sentences pronounced against HIV positive persons for having transmitted HIV be annulled.

We call upon AIDS fight funders, and especially the Global Fund, PEPFAR, the European Union and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, to pay special attention to exactly what programs they finance, with a view to ensuring that the programs they support are not embedded in legislations that criminalize, even indirectly, either HIV status or HIV transmission.

We demand that courts and legal experts around the world recognize the legal human rights principle that courts must never make their sentence harsher on the mere basis that the person convicted happens to be HIV positive.

We, people living with HIV, persons involved in the fight against AIDS, and AIDS organizations, stand united : NEITHER GUILTY NOR VICTIMS, we will fight together in our respective countries and at the international level against the representations, the laws, and the court decisions that lead to make scapegoats out of people living with HIV positive, putting the responsibility for the pandemic solely on their shoulders.

This petition is organized by Act Up-Paris.

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