

**The AIDS Institute**  
**Public Comment on the Recommendations of**  
**The World Health Organization Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG) on**  
**Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property**

**Summary**

The key recommendations from the Commission on Intellectual Property, Innovation can be separated into the areas of discovery of new health-care products; drug development; delivery; and fostering innovation in developing countries. The recommendations put forth in the plan seek to promote access to affordable medicines for all. At the outset, it must be stated that The AIDS Institute has been a longtime supporter of the goal of universal access. The action plan set forth by the Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG) is ambitious – and it needs to be – to address conditions that disproportionately affect developing countries. The AIDS Institute has championed the elimination of all barriers to care on both the domestic and global level and we are encouraged by the effort of the WHO to achieve this Millennium Development Goal. However, we have several concerns relative to the implementation of the plan (See Attachment).

Respectfully submitted,

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