**Access To Medicines: Template for Letter to Minister Monsef Urging Canada’s Support For Global Fund 2019**

Date

The Honourable Maryam Monsef, P.C., M.P.

Minister of International Development and Minister for Women and Gender Equality

House of Commons

Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Monsef:

Since the 2002 inception of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Canada has played a strong leadership role to support its work, and has been a key investor in its fund. During this time, the Global Fund has made incredible progress, saving some 27 million lives world-wide and helping build stronger, more resilient community-based systems.

***Choose one of the following paragraphs for your letter:***

The Sixth Replenishment of the Global Fund will take place in October 2019, with a target to raise no less than US$ 14B, simply to maintain its progress against these three global epidemics. Indeed, so much more could be achieved if more than this amount is raised.

***Or:***

Ending the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria by 2030 is within our reach, but not fully in our grasp. With only 11 years left, we have no time to waste. We must step up the fight now.

***Or:***

This year, the Global Fund targets to raise no less than US$ 14B. We are now at a critical moment, one that calls for a bold pledge to the Global Fund. Anything less may not be enough to prevent us from sliding back and losing the massive progress we’ve made so far in ending these preventable diseases.

I strongly urge you to support an early commitment by the Government of Canada that will maintain its previous share of the Global Fund target by pledging $1B to the Sixth Replenishment.

Sincerely,

Your name, email and postal address

Member, Grandmothers Advocacy Network (GRAN)

Cc: your Member of Parliament