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## **Confirmation of Dr. Eric Goosby to be Ambassador at Large and Global AIDS Coordinator**

The United States Senate has confirmed President Barack Obama's nomination of Dr. Eric Goosby for the position of Ambassador at Large and Global AIDS Coordinator, leading all U.S. Government international HIV/AIDS efforts. Dr. Goosby will oversee implementation of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), as well as U.S. Government engagement in the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

PEPFAR was launched in 2003 to combat global HIV/AIDS, and is the largest commitment by any nation to combat a single disease in history. Working in partnership with host nations, over ten years PEPFAR plans to prevent 12 million new infections, care for 12 million people, including 5 million orphans and vulnerable children, and increase treatment support, which is currently serving more than 2.1 million adults and children. To meet these goals, PEPFAR will support training of at least 140,000 new health care workers in HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care. PEPFAR and the fight against HIV/AIDS are a critical piece of a larger U.S. Government global health agenda that will leverage successful investments in HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis programs to improve health systems around the world, focus efforts on women and children's health, and ensure that best practices drive the funding for AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis programs.

Following is Dr. Goosby's biography:

### **Eric Goosby, Ambassador at Large and Global AIDS Coordinator, Department of State**

Eric Goosby, MD, has been CEO and Chief Medical Officer of Pangaea Global AIDS Foundation since 2001. He is also Professor of Clinical Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Goosby has played a key role in the development and/or implementation of HIV/AIDS national treatment scale-up plans in South Africa, Rwanda, China, and Ukraine. He focuses his expertise on the scale-up of sustainable HIV/AIDS treatment capacity, including the delivery of HIV antiretroviral drugs, within existing healthcare systems. Dr. Goosby has

extensive international experience in the development of treatment guidelines for use of antiretroviral therapies, clinical mentoring and training of health professionals, and the design and implementation of local models of care for HIV/AIDS. He has worked closely with international partners on the development of successful HIV/AIDS treatment and treatment-based prevention strategies for high-risk populations. Dr. Goosby has over 25 years of experience with HIV/AIDS. His experience ranges from his early years treating patients at San Francisco General Hospital when AIDS first emerged to engagement at the highest level of policy leadership. In his role at HHS as the first director of the Ryan White Care Act, Dr. Goosby helped develop HIV/AIDS delivery systems in the United States. During the Clinton Administration he served as deputy director of the White House National AIDS Policy Office and director of the Office of HIV/AIDS Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Goosby has longstanding working relationships with leading multilateral organizations including UNAIDS, the Global Fund and the World Health Organization.