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For innovation without exclusion: the right to HIV prevention in Latin America and the Caribbean

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The undersigned organizations, community networks, and activists from Latin America and the Caribbean—joined by allies internationally—write to you with a clear understanding of both the challenge before us and the historic opportunity at hand.

The challenge: Thousands of people across our region still lack access to the most effective tools for preventing HIV, perpetuating an epidemic that could otherwise be controlled.

The opportunity: Long-acting injectable antiretrovirals—particularly lenacapavir, a twice-yearly injectable for PrEP—offer a transformative chance to cut new HIV transmissions in Latin America by up to 68%, so long as access is timely and equitable, according to estimates from Mexico's National Institute of Public Health (INSP) and AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) [published in October 2025](#).

Yet Gilead has failed to file for regulatory approval of lenacapavir in most Latin American and Caribbean countries. As a result, communities across the region remain excluded from this life-saving technology, despite compelling clinical evidence of its efficacy and a global World Health Organization (WHO) recommendation for its use.

Delaying or denying the registration and availability of this medicine only deepens existing inequities and leads to an increase in preventable infections.

We recognize that Gilead has announced access and coverage processes in a handful of countries; yet, most people in Latin America remain excluded. In the meantime, transgender women, sex workers, young people, migrants, and Indigenous communities continue to wait for a concrete and effective response.

We are also concerned about Gilead's secondary patent applications for lenacapavir in several Latin American countries, which aim to extend commercial exclusivity until 2034. These 'evergreening' practices block generic alternatives and keep the medicine priced far beyond reach.

We draw attention to the recent case in Argentina, where the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) rejected Gilead's AR109364A1 patent application ("Antiviral Compounds") and declared the AR115865A2 application ("Therapeutic Compounds") abandoned.

In this context, Gilead must honor its stated commitments to social responsibility and global access by reviewing its patent filings across the region and refraining from any unjustified attempts to extend exclusivity.

On behalf of the communities, networks, and organizations of Latin America and the Caribbean, we call on Gilead Sciences to:

- 1. Accelerate the registration of Lenacapavir**

Gilead must immediately submit and prioritize regulatory applications for Lenacapavir in all Latin American and Caribbean countries to ensure timely and equitable access across the region.

2. **Adopt a fair and transparent pricing policy for Latin America**

The company must publish a clear plan for regional coverage and affordable pricing—grounded in equity, public health needs, and the financial realities of national health systems.

3. **Establish a transparent and constructive dialogue with key stakeholders**

Gilead should establish a transparent process for sharing information with governments, regulatory agencies, and civil society to set timelines, conditions, and access strategies together. This must include seriously evaluating voluntary licensing to generic manufacturers for local production in Latin America and allowing imports to the region from other countries—such as India—when regional production is not yet feasible.

4. **Refrain from “evergreening” practices**

Withdraw unjustified patent applications that block generic entry or impede local manufacturing agreements that would benefit countries in the region.

Science cannot remain a privilege for the few. Prevention is a right—for everyone, regardless of country, identity, migration status, or economic condition.

From Latin America and the Caribbean, we affirm:

“Without registration, there is no access. Without access, there is no justice.”

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