

## Beirut's Declaration on the Rights of People Living with HIV in Lebanon 2008

We, representatives of civil organizations, gathered at Sin El Fil on 7/1/2008 at the instigation of the Support Group for people living with HIV, within the SIDC Association, and in confirmation of our compliance with the International Chart of Human Rights, the Lebanese Constitution, the 1994 Paris Declaration, that of the General Assembly of the United States during its special session on AIDS in 2001, the 2004 Cairo Declaration of The Arab Countries religious leaders, as well as the 2005 Algeria Declaration, agreed on the following:

- 1) To reform and update drafts, resolutions and decrees related to the work, hospitalization and legal actions for the guarantee of rights, privacy and dignity of people living with the virus and those affected thereby.
- 2) To cooperate with different official and private administrations in order to secure medical and hospital cover, overall treatment and medical analyses, as well as necessary, additional and substitute medicines, in a free and continuous way, and amounts allocated to this end will be deducted from planned budgets, in addition to monitoring developments on both medical and healing levels.
- 3) To urge private institutions to participate in covering medical and hospital needs at all levels.
- 4) To prompt insurance companies assistance by including PLHIV into the insurance plans, thus safeguarding their own interests on the one hand and those of the PLHIV on the other through securing to the latter medical and hospital cover.
- 5) To cooperate with the Ministry of Labor and with local private and public companies, in order to protect affected persons against eventual clashes at their workplace, or against any discrimination caused by their health condition, and to abolish the AIDS test as a pre-condition to applying for a job. | 1 L O
- 6) To increase awareness of major concerned in all public and private companies to the fact that the law guarantees the confidentiality of information specific to PLHIV, namely the professional secrecy.
- 7) To work towards involving PLHIV in the planning, execution and supervision of the programs related to the AIDS virus.
- 8) To work in coordination with the Ministry of Education in order to introduce in school curriculum subjects related to reproductive health and sexual education.
- 9) To encourage Trade Unions and liberal professions organizations to launch awareness campaigns on HIV/AIDS for the benefit of all their members.
- 10) To prompt mass media (audiovisual and written media) to dedicate a special forum for awareness to the disease and adequate orientation.

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