



JOINT UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME ON HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
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AIDS - law and humanity

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) warmly welcomes the holding of a major conference on AIDS, law and humanity in New Delhi on 6-10 December 1995.

Today, almost two decades since the human immunodeficiency virus began its epidemic spread, much has been learnt about the societal factors driving HIV/AIDS and about its profound societal impact. Deeply interwoven in both the roots and ramifications of HIV/AIDS are ethical issues. These range from the individual and community human rights violations that render people more vulnerable to infection, to the stigma and discrimination which needlessly compound the suffering of those affected by HIV/AIDS. In the AIDS era - which is likely to last for decades or even longer - only law that is truly comprehensive in scope can afford the necessary protection to individuals and society alike.

I therefore salute the initiative of the Indian Law Institute in organizing this conference, which UNAIDS is pleased to cosponsor, and wish it success in achieving its important humanitarian goal.

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PRESIDENT'S ROOM

I am pleased to express my enthusiastic support to the Indian Law Institute on the occasion of the international, interdisciplinary conference on AIDS - Law and Humanity -- an important event that a number of Columbia University schools are co-sponsoring.

We at Columbia share with you a deep concern over the continuing impact of the global AIDS pandemic on the world's poorest nations. Only through extensive joint collaboration among all our nations and our peoples can we collectively confront and meet the challenge of AIDS.

I wish you well in your deliberations and hope that world-wide support is achieved for the principles that are expected to emerge from the conference.



George Rupp