

ESCAP's Member States passed Resolution 66/10 in which countries committed to address policy and legal barriers to effective HIV responses.

"I am proud that, in our region, we have had such strong showing of collective will to handle these difficult issues," said Noeleen Heyzer, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP. "In adopting Resolution 66/10, our Member States highlighted the urgency of ensuring universal access to comprehensive prevention programmes, treatment, care and support. A major step towards achieving these goals is to foster an equitable and just legal and policy environment, with particular regard for key populations."

Note to editors:

- **The Global Commission on HIV and the Law** was launched in June 2010 by UNDP on behalf of the UNAIDS family to provide global leadership on HIV-related legal and human rights issues by analysing what is known about the interactions between the legal environments, human rights and HIV; fostering evidence-informed public dialogue on the need for rights-based law and policy in the context of HIV; and identifying clear and actionable recommendations with a concrete plan for follow-up. (www.hivlawcommission.org)
- The members of the Commission are: former President of Brazil, Fernando Henrique Cardoso (Brazil, Commission Chair), Justice Edwin Cameron (South Africa), Ms. Ana Helena Chacón-Echeverría (Costa Rica), Mr. Charles Chauvel (New Zealand), Dr. Shereen El Feki (Egypt, Commission Vice-Chair), Ms. Bience Gawanas (Namibia), **Dame Carol Kidu (Papua New Guinea)**, **the Honourable Michael Kirby (Australia)**, the Honourable Barbara Lee (United States), Mr. Stephen Lewis (Canada), His Excellency Mr. Festus Mogae (Botswana), Mr. JVR Prasada Rao (India), Professor Sylvia Tamale (Uganda), **Mr. Jon Ungphakorn (Thailand)** and Professor Miriam Were (Kenya).

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