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**SUBJECT: REGARDING COMMUNITY BASED HIV TESTING IN LITHUANIA**

Dear Ms Anke van Dam,

Firstly, we would like to thank the AIDS Action Europe for the expressed concerns regarding HIV testing services in Lithuania. Ministry of Health understands the importance of the wide access to HIV testing. However, the legislation was not adapted to the international recommendations in this area sufficiently. Reacting to the situation, Ministry of Health and other competent institutions in line with the consultations with NGOs working in this area are preparing relevant changes in the legislation in order to allow performance of rapid HIV tests in non-medical settings. These changes will expand access to anonymous rapid HIV testing, at the same time ensuring public health safety requirements.

Sincerely,

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