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## **Board Members of RVG+ Network of Positive People Venezuelan**

Geneva, 18 January 2017

Dear Board Members,

On behalf of the Global Fund we thank you for your letter of 6 June 2016, and apologize for the much delayed response. Since the receipt of your letter we have been actively exploring possibilities to provide help to the people in need in Venezuela, and we have liaised with our partner network to see who might be in a position to help.

We regret to inform you that the current policy framework does not allow the Global Fund to provide funding to Venezuela.

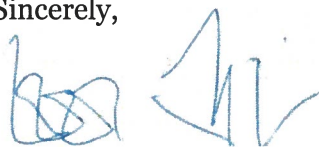
In pursuance of its mission, the Global Fund allocates its resources to achieve maximum impact in the countries and regions with the highest burden of disease and the least economic capacity to respond. The Board is guided by its approved Eligibility Policy, which annually determines the countries eligible for Global Fund funding. Eligibility is determined by a country's income level, measured by an appropriate economic indicators of the World Bank, and official disease burden data, based on the latest available data provided by WHO and UNAIDS.

As you have rightly mentioned and in accordance with the GNI per capita thresholds for income classification published by the World Bank, Venezuela remains among high income non-OECD countries and as such is not eligible. As an agency relying itself on donations from multiple stakeholders, the Global Fund is not in the position to grant any exceptions from its rules.

In the current context, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) is the main technical partner in the realm of health engaged in Venezuela. PAHO is providing technical assistance and procurement support for key commodities, through the PAHO Strategic Fund, as well as facilitating dialogue among national counterparts.

We keep monitoring the developments in Venezuela and, should it become eligible for Global Fund funding, we will be able to extend our support.

Sincerely,



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Chair of the Board



Mark Dybul  
Executive Director