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## PARAMOUR LE BAL ! - To Benefit The Fight Against AIDS

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**USPA NEWS** - Dec. 1 marks World AIDS Day, which was started in 1988 to raise Awareness, show Support for those living with the Condition, and remember those who have died from it. Fortunately, much has changed since the Early Days of HIV/AIDS. Today, thanks to Advances in Medicine, it's possible to live a Healthy and Full Life with a Disease that used to mean a Death Sentence. There are Laws to protect People living with HIV and we understand so much more about the Condition.

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The French Policy concerning the Fight against the Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a Complete and Well-Balanced One, using Information not only for the General Awareness of the General Population, but also with the Help of Specific Actions aimed at High Risk Groups. France is to fully reimburse Condoms, if prescribed by a Doctor, to combat the Spread of AIDS and HIV. From December 10, France's Social Security System will reimburse Boxes of Condoms bought at Pharmacies if they have been prescribed by a Doctor or a Midwife (effectively rendering Condoms free. Only One Brand of Condom will be reimbursed, which has not been disclosed). The Announcement came just Days before World AIDS Day on December 1.

Paris has made Ambitious Political Commitments and set itself Precise Objectives, enshrined in the Paris Declaration [Fast-Track Cities : Ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic], following a Joint Proposal by the City, UNAIDS, UN-Habitat and IAPAC. Through this Declaration, the Signatory Cities reaffirm their Willingness to act so that by 2030, the Annual Number of New HIV Infections Amongst Adults falls below 200,000.

They are Eight Priorities :

- 1 - Prevention
- 2 - Screening
- 3 - Improving Medical Care
- 4 - Supporting Psychological and Social Care
- 5 - Protecting Future Generations
- 6 - Supporting Vulnerable Populations
- 7 - Strengthening Public Responses
- 8 - Supporting Civil Society

Limiting the Number of New HIV Infections is One of the Major Challenges in the Management of HIV/AIDS. Prevention is therefore Fundamental. It takes the Form of Different Types of Interventions aiming to provide Better Health Education, most particularly in Sexual and Reproductive Health, and to familiarise People with HIV Modes of Transmission. In an Effort to bring the Down the Rate even more, the City of Paris also announced on 27 November, Aids-Testing Centres throughout the City for Free and with no Prescription required.

The Huge Mobilisation of Resources for the Global HIV and AIDS Response over the Course of the Epidemic has been Unprecedented in the History of Public Health. The Challenge of Funding HIV Treatment, Prevention and Care in Countries has been characterised by Vocal Advocacy, Unique and Innovative Funding Mechanisms, Previously Unseen Levels of Bilateral Aid, and Philanthropic Donations whose Scale have rivalled those of Donor Governments and Multilateral Institutions... In order to make Significant Progress, the Investments to reach the End of AIDS as a Global Public Health Threat by 2030 need to be increased.

"PARAMOUR LE BAL !" is an Event organized by LINK (Private Association raising Funds and acting in Conjunction with Other Foundations) to help fighting against AIDS. Animations will be held at the City Hall of Paris, on February 14, 2019 for Valentine's Day. (#Paramourlebal - #FondsLink - #ParisSansSida). It will be opened to the Public from 8.00 pm and after closing time, the Evening will

carry on up to Dawn elsewhere. This Event is aimed to raise Funds by proposing Affordable Tickets. VIP's will mix with Ordinary People...

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