



**Statement of Position by Mrs. Ruchi Ghanashyam, Minister,
Permanent Mission of India to the UN, after adoption of draft
Decision A/61/L.40 on International Voluntary HIV
Counselling and Testing Day under Agenda Item 46: Follow-up
to the outcome of the 26th Special Session: Implementation of
the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS at the 61st UN
General Assembly on 4 December 2006**

Madam President,

I take the floor to make an explanation of India's position after adoption of Decision A/61/L.40, entitled "International Voluntary HIV Counselling and Testing Day".

My delegation has joined in the consensus in the adoption of the draft Decision on International Voluntary HIV Counselling and Testing Day.

It is our understanding that by "calling" on Member States the Decision leaves the option open to each Member State whether or not to designate a Voluntary HIV Counselling and Testing Day in 2007.

Thank you, Madam President.

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