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Pandemic Accord Must Work for All, says AHF

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LOS ANGELES--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- In the wake of World Health Day commemorated on April 7, **AIDS Healthcare Foundation** (AHF) urges governments worldwide to remember the big global public health picture and uphold the tenets of transparency, accountability, and cooperation – particularly surrounding the stalled negotiations of the Pandemic Accord.

"The COVID-19 pandemic exposed how woefully unprepared we were in responding to deadly outbreaks – and sadly, four years later, we are still not prepared for the next big health crisis," said AHF President Michael Weinstein. "World leaders must get the Pandemic Accord back on track and negotiate it in good faith for the entire world—not just what's best for their political and financial interests. The new pandemic agreement must be based on transparency, accountability, and cooperation. If World Health Assembly Member States fail to heed lessons from the past pandemic, the world will be right back where we started with COVID-19. Leaders must find the political will to position public health as a right for humanity and not a game of individual countries' interests."

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