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Dear Mr. Darrow,

Thank you very much for soliciting our comments on the Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/84.

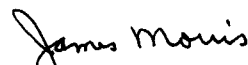
Our review of the resolution found no mention of the correlation among human rights, HIV/AIDS and food security. Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights clearly states that "everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food."

Although all human beings need adequate and nutritious food to survive and thrive, it is a fact that poor households that are affected by HIV and AIDS are more likely to have difficulty maintaining their food security. Consequently, the family members of such households are more vulnerable to malnutrition. For the HIV-positive person, this exacerbates the negative effects of HIV and AIDS which results in even further deterioration of nutritional status. Moreover, family members may be forced to adopt high-risk behaviours just to put food on the table.

WFP would, therefore, request that the need for adequate food and good nutrition be recognized as one of the most immediate and critical needs of people living with HIV and AIDS, and that the relevance of nutritional support be included in this resolution.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require further comments from us.

All the best,


James T. Morris

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