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Welcome to the biweekly *Global Campaign News*! The *Global Campaign News* is a forum for international exchange on microbicide activities and information with an aim to build a more informed and integrated movement for microbicide development and other prevention options against HIV and STDs.

We welcome your input and contributions. Correspondence can be addressed to [info@global-campaign.org](mailto:info@global-campaign.org). If you would like to unsubscribe to the Global Campaign News, please reply to this e-mail with the subject line: UNSUBSCRIBE.

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### **Legislative Update and New Action Alert**

The Senate passed an authorization bill on July 12, unanimously and without debate, that would provide for up to \$5 billion over two years to combat global HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria. The bill is a combination of two AIDS-related measures, the first introduced by Sens. John Kerry (D-MA) and Bill Frist (R-TN) and the second by Sens. Frist and Edward Kennedy (D-MA). The bill requires the president to establish a comprehensive, five-year strategy for HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and monitoring, particularly activities focused on women and youth. The bill also gives authority to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (acting through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) to work internationally on prevention, care and treatment. With respect to research on the development of microbicides, the bill calls for the expansion and coordination of activities at the National Institutes of Health and authorizes funding for research at USAID. Now the House and Senate will negotiate a final version of the "US Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, TB, and Malaria Act of 2002." Stay tuned for details.

Want to take action? US advocates can [click here](#) for the latest Legislative Action Alert from the Global Campaign here.

### **Condom Count - Meeting the Need in the Era of HIV/AIDS**

Population Action International recently released a publication which states that male and female condoms, while essential in the fight against HIV/AIDS, are in short supply. The document reviews steps that can be taken in order to secure their reserve. It is available in English, French and Spanish. To view the publication, go to:

Condoms Count Meeting the Need in the Era of HIV/AIDS

<http://www.populationaction.org/resources/publications/condomscout/index.htm>

### **What's New on [www.global-campaign.org](http://www.global-campaign.org)?**

Have you signed up for the Advocates Exchange yet? The Advocates Exchange is a private forum for you to discuss issues, organizing ideas or share an experience. So join in the discussion and keep us all connected. You can even upload documents or pictures that you feel may help get your message across. Just sign up with your e-mail address and password and in return, you will receive approval to join the forum. Then you can join in discussions by clicking on any forum and topic.

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