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PER LA LOTTA
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To ABBOTT Italia
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Re: Our attendance at the Advisory Board meeting "Kalead: an easier option to the dogma of triple drug therapy" called by Abbott Italia on July, 22nd 2007, in conjunction with the IAS Conference in Sydney.

In support of Act Up-Paris and in solidarity with all PLWHAs who are denied access to treatment by Abbott's policy, which prevents many governments from issuing compulsory licenses* on AIDS drugs

the Italian League for Fighting AIDS (Lila) has decided not to attend the above mentioned meeting and to interrupt any kind of relationship and dialogue with Abbott, both on national and international level.

We will stick to our decision until Abbott gives up all retaliations against the countries that decide to implement compulsory licenses and withdraws its complaint against Act Up-Paris.

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*Compulsory licenses allow governments to produce or import generic copies of drugs, a practice authorized by the World Trade Organization (WTO).

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