

**STAND UP FOR THE LIVES OF 5  
MILLION SOUTH AFRICANS  
LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS.  
STOP THE 600 AIDS DEATHS  
EACH DAY.**

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**CALL FOR SOLIDARITY  
FROM AIDS ACTIVISTS  
IN SOUTH AFRICA:**

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**SOLIDARITY VIGIL  
IN NEW YORK CITY**

**When: 6:30pm THURSDAY, March 20, 2003**  
**Where: candlelight vigil outside the Consulate  
of the South African Government  
333 East 38th Street, between 1st & 2nd  
Avenue in Midtown Manhattan**

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**FROM TREATMENT ACTION CAMPAIGN IN SOUTH  
AFRICA:**

Every day more than 600 people in South Africa die of HIV/AIDS-related illnesses. Many lives could have been saved had our government shown urgency and commitment. We still have a chance to save millions of lives. Regrettably, the Minister of Health continues to equivocate. After four years of negotiations, petitions, marches, litigation and appeals, the Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) has decided to begin a peaceful campaign of civil disobedience on 21 March 2003. TAC requests your support in this campaign. We are mobilising 600 people across the country who will volunteer to get arrested in our civil disobedience campaign.



*We cannot wait any longer for a visible and dynamic response from the government, business and international community. We do not need any more reports to tell us what we already know - HIV/AIDS is killing 600 people a day in this country and ruining lives and hopes. But with will and commitment this does not have to happen. With leadership from business and government, together with labour and communities, it is still possible to save lives and restore hope. - Zackie Achmat, Treatment Action Campaign, South Africa*

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**MORE INFORMATION**  
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