

## UNIT 7 WRITING

### PART 1

Dear Ms Gutan,

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I am writing to inform you of some vital information I have collected about the global emergency produced by the HIV-AIDS virus as outlined in Actions through Words Unit 7, "What are some things the United Nations is doing to address the AIDS crisis?" In our work as international staff civil servants, it is important to keep abreast of this world crisis and to know how the Organization and its agencies are addressing it.

Through my research I discovered that the crisis produced by HIV-AIDS has had devastating effects world-wide. The United Nations and its agencies have implemented programmes to educate local populations about prevention and treatment of the HIV-AIDS virus. Such education is focused on removing the stigma associated with AIDS so that people will come forward for testing and treatment and not spread the disease. One programme trains local community members whose jobs put them in regular contact with other community members.

Please let me know if I can clarify or supplement any of the above information.

Yours sincerely,

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