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This speech by Inés Alberdi, Executive Director of UNIFEM, was made at the High-Level Meeting on AIDS, UN General Assembly, Panel Discussion 3. Speaking on behalf of the UN, Executive Director Inés Alberdi said that “it is vitally important to address the links between HIV and AIDS and violence against women and girls ... both a cause and a consequence of HIV among women of all ages, but especially young women and girls.”

Article can be accessed on-line [here](#) .