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**NOTE EQUIVALENT TO AN
OPINION**

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NOTE EQUIVALENT TO AN OPINION ON NON-
CORRELATED ANONYMOUS SEROEPIDEMIOLOGICAL
STUDIES

After hearing evidence from Doctor Brunet on February 12, 1991 on non-correlated anonymous seroepidemiological studies conducted in France in the Paris area relating to pregnant women (the "Prévagest" survey) and in VD clinics (the "Prévadav" survey), which obtained a favourable evaluation from the National Ethics Committee and the French Medical Association in 1989, the National AIDS Council, asked to add its own view, felt that ethical requirements had been duly respected. Those involved, who have given blood samples for various analyses, which are then used to build a serum bank from which anonymous samples can be taken as necessary for the epidemiological study of HIV prevalence, are advised that their blood will be used for that purpose and are also told that they can ask for the HIV screening test, and be informed of the result, if they wish.

In such circumstances, given that anonymity and confidentiality are well protected, and without judging the epidemiological value of results obtained for these specific population groups, the National AIDS Council considers it valid to continue doing this work.