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PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING THE USE OF INFECTED
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The National AIDS Council's mission is to help French society to live with the AIDS epidemic and, through its action, to protect all victims of this epidemic. The recent death of an adolescent suffering from haemophilia testifies once again to the dramatic nature of this tragedy.

For this reason, the National AIDS Council deeply deplors the thoughtless use of certain symbols and terms (referring to "poisoning", for example) by certain media, tending to hamper the administration of justice and manipulate public opinion.

Such abuses, which are unacceptable in a society governed by the rule of law, can hardly contribute to the promotion of truth, justice, and care for the victims.