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## Positive sign ...

Volunteers throw their hats while forming the shape of a red ribbon to show support for HIV-positive people on the eve of World AIDS Day in Taipei yesterday. In Geneva, the World Health Organisation advised countries to phase out the use of Stavudine, the most widespread antiretroviral, because of "long-term, irreversible" side-effects in HIV patients including wasting and a nerve disorder. It also recommended that people with HIV, including pregnant women, should start taking antiretroviral drugs earlier to live a longer and healthier life. **Report page 9.**