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Summit Backs Coordinated AIDS Research

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VENICE, June 10—The leaders of the seven industrial democracies today endorsed coordinated research by their countries to find a cure for AIDS.

Until now, only the United States and France have been actively sharing their AIDS research—and that cooperation came only after a bitter lawsuit involving scientists from both countries over who first isolated the virus.

"The heads of state or government welcome and support joint action by researchers in the seven countries," the leaders said in a summit-ending statement read by the host of the meeting, Italian caretaker Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani.

The leaders of the United States, Britain, West Germany, Japan, France, Canada and Italy also agreed that the Geneva-based World Health Organization was the best forum for drawing together the many and varied international efforts on a worldwide level to combat AIDS.

Until a cure is found for the disease, which breaks down a person's immunities, the leaders said the best way to combat acquired immune deficiency syndrome was to educate the public about its dangers and how it is transmitted.