

**19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board  
Lusaka, Zambia,  
6–8 December 2006**

**Decisions, recommendations and conclusions**

Recalling that all aspects of UNAIDS work are directed by the following guiding principles:

- Aligned to national stakeholders' priorities;
- Based on the meaningful and measurable involvement of civil society especially people living with HIV and populations most at risk of HIV infection;
- Based on human rights and gender equality;
- Based on the best available scientific evidence and technical knowledge; and
- Promoting comprehensive responses to AIDS that integrate prevention, treatment, care and support.

**Agenda item 1.1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the provisional agenda**

1. *Adopts* the provisional agenda as amended.

**Agenda item 1.2: Confirmation of Officers**

- 2.1 As decided at its 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, *confirms* Sweden as Chair, Thailand as Vice-Chair and Australia as Rapporteur for the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board; and
- 2.2 *Notes* the membership of the NGO delegation for 2007.

**Agenda item 1.3: Statement of the Executive Director**

In welcoming the Statement of the UNAIDS Executive Director, the Programme Coordinating Board:

- 3.1 *Stresses* the need for continued reform to ensure harmonized action at the country level, overcome bureaucratic bottlenecks, move with more urgency and encourage responsibility and accountability among member states, the United Nations and other development partners; in support of national ownership and leadership;
- 3.2 Recognizing the exceptionality of AIDS, *stresses* the link between AIDS and the long term development agenda, including the strengthening of health systems, and the need to apply the Paris agenda on aid effectiveness in the AIDS response;
- 3.3 *Emphasizes* the particular need for HIV prevention to be translated into effective action at country level within the context of a comprehensive HIV response; address the fundamental drivers of the epidemic - especially gender inequality, gender-based violence, and stigma and discrimination – both among key affected groups and the general population; and establish appropriate HIV prevention targets;

- 3.4 *Notes* the importance of fully understanding the profile of HIV within different environments – “know your epidemic” - as an effective tool in setting strategic priorities in the response and requests UNAIDS to support national efforts in this regard;
- 3.5 *Recognizes* the necessity to track and monitor the use of available resources for the AIDS response and further refine the resource needs estimation methodology in consultation with relevant stakeholders;
- 3.6 *Supports* UNAIDS in developing a viable and sustainable long-term strategy for the AIDS response with a particular focus on resource mobilization and harmonization and *agrees* to the allocation of one million USD from the 2006-2007 UBW fund balance for this task;
- 3.7 *Recognizes* the potential of the private sector in addressing the epidemic, both within their own workplace and as partners in global efforts;
- 3.8 *Further recognizes* the high cost of second and third line anti-retroviral drugs as a barrier to treatment access and reaffirms the decision of the 18<sup>th</sup> Programme Coordinating Board meeting and the Political Declaration of the United Nations High Level Meeting on use by developing countries of flexibilities outlined in the World Trade Organization’s agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) and strengthen their capacity for this purpose;
- 3.9 *Decides* that, based on the unique composition of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board in having representatives of NGOs and representatives of UNAIDS Cosponsors as Board members, all members of the Board have an equal opportunity to speak at Board meetings;
- 3.10 *Supports* the strong commitment of UNAIDS to work with The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria to ensure systematic cooperation and collaboration in responding to the epidemic;
- 3.11 *Further supports* the UNAIDS Executive Director’s offer to provide a report at the 20<sup>th</sup> Programme Coordinating Board meeting in June 2007 on UNAIDS work as an example of UN reform in action in response to the report from the High Level Panel on System-Wide Coherence; and
- 3.12 *Acknowledges* the intention of UNAIDS to make Programme Acceleration Funds exclusively available to Joint UN Teams on AIDS and Joint Programmes of Support and ensure effective and timely reporting on their use in supporting national strategic frameworks.

## **Agenda item 2: Progress in implementation and coordination of the national response**

- 4.1 *Recognizes* the need for continued follow-up support to countries in their national target setting towards universal access for comprehensive HIV prevention programmes, treatment, care and support, in particular the facilitation of coordinated strategies to overcome identified obstacles to scaling up; and further recognizes the continuing importance of ensuring that targets are gender disaggregated; and *requests* UNAIDS to report on progress at the June 2007 Programme Coordinating Board meeting; in doing so UNAIDS should access additional data sources, including independent reports from civil society and academic institutions;

- 4.2 *Welcomes* the development of the Civil Society Guidelines to strengthen the meaningful involvement of civil society, in particular people living with HIV, in national AIDS responses with a view to developing an implementation strategy;
- 4.3 *Calls* for greater involvement and partnership of non-state actors in policy-setting and information-sharing processes in national AIDS responses;
- 4.4 *Calls* upon UNAIDS to use its facilitating role to bring National Authorities to fulfil their commitments to work with Civil Society;
- 4.5 *Recognizes* the importance of the Country Harmonization & Alignment Tool for increasing country level accountability as a tool for identifying opportunities for greater harmonization and alignment as part of national AIDS reviews and *requests* UNAIDS to report on progress in December 2007 to the Programme Coordinating Board members; and
- 4.6 *Requests* presentation of the final report on the Global Task Team Independent Assessment to the 20<sup>th</sup> Programme Coordinating Board meeting in June 2007.

### **Agenda item 3: Multilateral support at country level**

- 5.1 *Calls* on Executive Heads of UNAIDS Cosponsors and the Secretariat to ensure that:
  - a) their respective country-level representatives act upon the Secretary-General's directive on the establishment of Joint UN Teams on AIDS with Joint Programmes of Support aligned to the national AIDS Frameworks;
  - b) the agency representative in country be provided with appropriate incentives, including performance assessments, to ensure joint UN programming, including harmonization and alignment, around HIV and AIDS;
  - c) country partners are aware of, and promote the use of Technical Support Facilities and other mechanisms; in facilitating quality technical assistance;
  - d) country staff work closely with national partners to identify and resolve implementation difficulties, including existing gaps, and address the need for technical support; including the involvement of Global Joint Problem-Solving and Implementation Support Team (GIST);
- 5.2 *Requests* UNAIDS Secretariat to ensure that the Technical Support Facilities evaluation report includes information on who provided and who benefited from the capacity building and technical assistance, especially how much support was provided to benefit vulnerable populations;
- 5.3 *Calls* on Programme Coordinating Board members and observers to act in a coherent manner on the Boards of UNAIDS Cosponsors to ensure the full implementation of the Secretary General's directive to establish joint UN teams on AIDS and joint programmes;
- 5.4 *Encourages* development partners to support UN reform at country level by funding Joint AIDS programmes which respect the division of labour;
- 5.5 *Requests* UNAIDS Secretariat and Cosponsors to review the practical barriers to joint programming at country level, and report to their Boards on how they plan to overcome these barriers in order to enable donors to fund joint programmes more effectively;

- 5.6 *Calls* for UNAIDS Secretariat and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria to better coordinate the response to the technical assistance needs of countries implementing Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria grants, including the use of south-south cooperation to scale-up provision of technical support to country partners in implementing these grants; and
- 5.7 *Calls* on donors and technical support providers to work more closely with UNAIDS and national stakeholders at the sub-regional and country levels on strengthening country long-term capacities in national strategic and operational planning, as well as in mainstreaming AIDS in national and local development instruments and sectoral programmes. Such collaboration to include the promotion of AIDS Strategic Action Plan (ASAP) services, as well as complementing them with additional funding and harmonized technical support.

**Agenda item 4.1: 2007-2010 Strategic Framework for UNAIDS support to countries' efforts to move towards universal access**

- 6.1 *Endorses* the Framework as the principal guide to global, regional and country-level planning, budgeting, implementation and monitoring of progress of the Joint Programme's support to countries efforts to move towards the goal of universal access from 2007 to 2010 and *requests* the UNAIDS Secretariat to provide a mid-term review report on progress during the 21st Programme Coordinating Board meeting in 2008; and
- 6.2 *Welcomes* the Secretariat's pledge to make relevant changes to the final Strategic Framework reflecting the written comments provided in support of the interventions made during the 19<sup>th</sup> Programme Coordinating Board meeting.

**Agenda item 4.2: Review of UNAIDS tasks**

- 7.1 *Reaffirms* the five guiding principles, as amended, as intrinsic in all Programme Coordinating Board recommendations, decisions and conclusions, and *decides* to include them as a preamble to all sets of future Programme Coordinating Board decisions, recommendations and conclusions;
- 7.2 *Decides* to be mindful of the intrinsic nature of the guiding principles in its production of concrete, actionable and time-bound decisions, recommendations and conclusions;
- 7.3 *Endorses* the list of active tasks proposed for retirement and requests the Secretariat to regularly review tasks for potential retirement;
- 7.4 *Takes note* of the consolidation of active tasks into broad functions clustered under the strategic directions of the 2007-2010 strategic framework for UNAIDS' support to countries' efforts to move towards universal access; and
- 7.5 *Takes further note* of the consolidation of mandates originating from decisions of UN principal bodies.

## **Agenda item 5: Strengthening of global coordination on AIDS**

8. *Decides* to establish a process under the leadership of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board, in close consultation with Board members and observers and with the support of the UNAIDS Secretariat, to elaborate further on the UNAIDS role in strengthening Global Coordination of AIDS and how to develop the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board into a more relevant and effective policy-making Board; the process will include matters such as number of Board meetings, venues, character of meetings, Board representation, NGO participation, speaking protocol, decision-making and the further development of the constituency system; a report with recommendations will be presented to the 20<sup>th</sup> Programme Coordinating Board in June 2007.

## **Agenda item 6: AIDS, Security and Humanitarian Response**

- 9.1 Recognizing that AIDS policies and programmes are not consistently integrated into security and humanitarian responses, *calls* on UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinators, UN Country Teams and UNAIDS Country Coordinators to actively address the AIDS needs of emergency-affected populations and uniformed services at country level, through promoting the systematic use of existing guidelines, through building and sustaining AIDS mainstreaming capacity within UN Country Teams and national partners, and through the cluster approach in humanitarian responses and to develop stronger linkages between humanitarian recovery and national development responses;
- 9.2 *Endorses* the efforts of UNAIDS and its partners (such as the Department of Peacekeeping Operations), to continue addressing AIDS within national uniformed services and peacekeeping forces, including through the better integration of military with civilian national AIDS programmes and the promotion of comprehensive prevention, treatment, care and support services;
- 9.3 *Recommends* that UNAIDS address the impact of AIDS on key government cadres other than the military, including the judiciary, police and local government, and *recognizes* that programmes must target other institutions and groups, taking into account the demands and challenges of the particular epidemic;
- 9.4 *Calls* on both national governments and international donors to ensure that AIDS is accounted for in humanitarian preparedness and response, including needs assessments and *further calls* on international donors to adapt development and humanitarian funding instruments to allow sufficient AIDS funding in humanitarian response and during the transition between emergency and recovery and reconstruction periods;
- 9.5 *Requests* UNAIDS to strengthen AIDS responses in humanitarian emergencies and security operations including through, inter alia, the development of a strategic framework for action between the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and UNAIDS; pursuing membership or formal association between the UNAIDS Secretariat and the global-level United Nations Inter-Agency Standing Committee and through strengthened leadership in the Task Force on AIDS and Security;
- 9.6 *Recognizes* that the complex links between security, humanitarian emergencies and HIV vulnerability and services demand further research, and *requests* UNAIDS to advocate, support and collaborate in such research; and

- 9.7 *Calls* on UNAIDS to intensify programmatic efforts on the intersection between gender-based violence and HIV, including but not limited to situations of conflict, particularly acknowledging the unique contributions of women survivors and those affected by violence.

**Agenda item 7: Any other business**

No decision taken.

**Agenda item 8: Adoption of decisions, recommendations and conclusions**

10. *Adopts* the decisions, recommendations and conclusions of the 19<sup>th</sup> UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board meeting.