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The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions in Geneva, to Organizations of the United Nations system and to the other Nongovernmental Organizations dealing with matters pertaining to HIV/AIDS not represented on the Programme Coordinating Board (PCB).

UNAIDS has the honour to inform the aforementioned Missions and Organizations that the twenty-ninth meeting of the Board will be held from 13 to 15 December 2011 in meeting room XIX, Palais des Nations, Geneva. The opening session will begin at 09:00 on 13 December; the meeting is scheduled to finish at 18:00 on 15 December 2011. The meeting will include a thematic segment on the last day (15 December) addressing the theme of HIV and Enabling Legal Environments. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

UNAIDS wishes to draw the attention of the Missions and Organizations to the Modus Operandi of the PCB, which includes a provision allowing the Executive Director of UNAIDS, in consultation with the PCB Chairperson and upon receipt of a written application expressing a manifest interest, to grant observer status for PCB meetings to any Member State of any of the UNAIDS Cosponsoring Organizations, and any intergovernmental or nongovernmental organization. Observers shall make their own arrangements to cover expenses incurred in attending meetings of the PCB including any visa requirements. To facilitate logistical arrangements, applications for observer status, accompanied by a completed electronic registration form available under the following link: <http://pcbregistration.unaids.org>, must be received at UNAIDS by 18 November at the latest.

UNAIDS wishes to take this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions in Geneva to Organizations of the United Nations system and to the Nongovernmental Organizations, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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