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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 thirtieth meeting of the Board will be held from 5 to 7 June 2012 at the World Health Organization (WHO) Headquarters, 20 Avenue Appia, Geneva. A copy of the provisional agenda is attached. The meeting will include a thematic segment on the last day (7 June) on: "Combination prevention: Addressing the urgent need to reinvigorate HIV prevention responses globally by scaling up and achieving synergies to halt and begin to reverse the spread of the AIDS epidemic". The opening session will begin at 09:00 on 5 June with registration starting at 08:15. The meeting is scheduled to finish at 18:00 on 7 June 2012. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for the plenary sessions 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 **21 May 2012** 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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