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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 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 thirty-fifth meeting of the Board will be held from 9 to 11 December 2014 in the Executive Board room at the World Health Organization Headquarters, 20 Avenue Appia, Geneva. The opening session will begin at 09:00 on 9 December with registration starting at 08:15. The meeting is scheduled to finish at 18:00 on 11 December 2014.

A copy of the provisional agenda and a note on logistical arrangements are attached hereto. Key agenda items of the meeting include a debate on revised targets for the AIDS response beyond 2015 and a gap analysis and recommendations to end paediatric AIDS. The Board will also receive an update on actions taken to reduce stigma and discrimination in all its forms. The meeting will include a thematic segment on 11 December devoted to the theme of "Halving HIV transmission among people who inject drugs". Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for the plenary sessions in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Documents are being prepared in English and in French and will be available on the UNAIDS web site closer to the meeting dates.

UNAIDS wishes to draw the attention of the Missions and Organizations to the Modus Operandi of the PCB, which includes a provision that observer status may be granted by the Executive Director of UNAIDS, in consultation with the PCB Chairperson and upon receipt of a written application expressing a manifest interest, 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 Board including any visa requirements. To facilitate logistical arrangements, applications for observer status should be submitted online using the electronic registration form available under the following link: <http://pcbregistration.unaids.org> before the 21 November 2014 deadline.

UNAIDS avails itself of 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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