

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 11 September 2006

Present: Lennarth Hjelmaker (Chair), Annika Molin-Hellgren (Sweden), Prangtip Kanchanahattakij (Thailand), Geoff Adlidge (Australia), Robin Jackson (WFP, representing Cosponsors), T. Richard Corcoran (Health GAP, representing PCB NGOs)

Secretariat's support: Eamonn Murphy (Director, GDU), Luiz Loures (Associate Director, CRD), Desmond Whymys (Team Leader, CRD), Jacek Tyszkowski (External Relations Officer, GUR)

Meeting's agenda:

1. Draft Agenda for the 19th PCB meeting;
2. Preparations for the 19th PCB meeting;
3. Independent assessment of GTT;
4. Expansion of the GIST;
5. Other business.

Agenda item 1

The Bureau approved the draft agenda for the 19th PCB meeting underlining the following points:

- the independent assessment on the implementation of the GTT recommendations to be considered under agenda item "Progress in implementation and coordination of national response" and not agenda item 4 "Multilateral support at country level";
- flexibility of TRIPS to be discussed under 2007-2010 Framework for Joint Programme's support to countries to implement the 2006 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS (in line with the June PCB decision); and
- "AIDS and security" to be the emphasis under the agenda item: "AIDS, security and humanitarian response".

Agenda item 2

The Secretariat informed the meeting about the status of preparations for the 19th PCB.

Agenda item 3

The Bureau agreed the membership of the Reference Group for the independent assessment of implementation of the GTT recommendations (Netherlands, Thailand, UK, US, UNDP and YouAct) and requested the Secretariat to provide advice, for decision by the PCB Chair, on the addition of a second developing country member (preferably African). It was also proposed that Sweden (L. Hjelmaker) will chair the Reference Group. The first meeting is planned for the week of September 18th. The Bureau noted that given time available it will be difficult to present to the PCB in December final findings of the assessment, but

agreed that substantive preliminary findings need to be presented and that this issue would need to be further discussed by the Reference Group.

Agenda item 4

The Bureau discussed the PCB decision on enlargement of the GIST membership to include development partners, as necessary. It was agreed that this would be on an ad hoc basis depending on the issues to be considered by the GIST. It was suggested that the GIST Secretariat organize a meeting as an opportunity to inform member states and others about the work of the GIST, in particular its successes. At the same time participants will be invited to register their interest on particular themes and/or countries/regions so that the GIST could invite development partners to meetings as relevant.

Agenda item 5

The Bureau welcomed the Secretariat's suggestion to organize regional consultations on the options paper on the strengthening of global coordination on AIDS.

The Bureau asked about developments related to the US initiative on the International HIV Testing Day. They supported the proposal that the UNAIDS analysis on merits of such an initiative be shared with all PCB members and observer states as soon as possible.

It was agreed that the agenda for the next meeting of the PCB Bureau would include the Bureau workplan for 2006/2007.