

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 2 February 2007

Present: Annika Molin-Hellgren (Sweden), Ambassador Chaoyong Satjipanon (Thailand), Prangtip Kanchanahattakij (Thailand), Robin Jackson (WFP, representing Cosponsors), Rachel Ong (APN+, representing PCB NGOs)

UNAIDS Secretariat: Debbie Landey (Deputy Executive Director), Helen Frary (Chief, ERG), Susan Timberlake (Senior Law and Human Rights Adviser, PEP), Desmond Whymys (Chief, CRD/TOP), Jacek Tyszko (External Relations Officer, ERG)

Geoff Adlide (Australia) apologized for not being able to attend.

Meeting agenda:

1. Status of preparations for the 20th PCB meeting
 - 1.1 Dates of the meeting
 - 1.2 Issues for the draft agenda
 - 1.3 Proposals for the PCB Vice Chair
2. Strengthening global coordination on AIDS
3. Other Business
 - 3.1 Unified Budget and Workplan 2008-2009
 - 3.2 Gender assessments / presentation of policy guidelines to address gender issues
 - 3.3 Independent assessment of GTT

1. Status of preparations for the 20th PCB meeting

Debbie Landey presented a concept of the 20th PCB meeting with the discussion and adoption of the UBW 2008-2009 as the first substantive item, followed by ongoing consideration of the situation at the country level and debate on policy issues. Helen Frary reiterated innovations in the approach to the meeting, including: estimation of resource implications for each decision/recommendation adopted by the meeting; and a UNAIDS Annual Report to replace reports by the Executive Director and the Chair of the Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations. The report would provide a comprehensive overview of UNAIDS' activities since the previous regular PCB meeting and include information on: UNAIDS' functions, a review of activities in 2006, an update on the epidemic, reporting back on key milestones, reporting from Cosponsors, and financial information.

- 1.1 Taking into account the number of issues to be discussed by the 20th PCB meeting (with the exception of the UBW for 2008-2009 and standing items all others are in follow-up to PCB requests from previous meetings) the Bureau agreed with the

Secretariat's proposal to extend the meeting for an additional day. On the basis of the venue availability the proposed dates are 25-27 June 2007.

- 1.2 Taking into account decisions and recommendations of previous PCBs Helen Frary presented a working draft agenda for the upcoming meeting. The Bureau discussed the concept of the meeting, the structure of the agenda and the issues to be included. It was agreed that, based on this discussion, the Secretariat will prepare a revised draft for the next meeting of the Bureau. It was additionally agreed that, following positive feedback from the previous PCB, interactive sessions would be included in the June meeting.
- 1.3 Options for the upcoming PCB Vice Chair were discussed. In accordance with the agreed rotation, a developed country representative should take this position. It was agreed that, as the country should be a PCB member for two consecutive years (the Vice Chair automatically becomes the Chair), the decision which country(-ies) would be approached with the proposal would be taken only after the upcoming ECOSOC session to elect PCB members for the terms 2007-2009 and 2008-2010.

2. Strengthening global coordination on AIDS

Annika Molin-Hellgren presented a proposed process for consultation on the draft paper which is under preparation by Sweden and Thailand in response to the 19th PCB meeting decision on the issue. It was agreed that the Bureau will be kept informed about all developments related to this issue.

3. Other Business

3.1 Debbie Landey and Robin Jackson presented information on the process for the preparation of the UBW 2008-2009, including: elaboration of new methodology (outputs and outcomes) in order to simplify the document; peer review meeting; and planned series of briefings organized by the UNAIDS family for different constituencies to familiarize with the content of the document them in advance to the 20th PCB meeting.

3.2 Susan Timberlake presented an update on the elaboration of the gender guidelines, as requested by the 18th PCB. This agenda item is being planned to consist of a short presentation of the PCB paper summarizing the gender assessments of national AIDS plans and the proposed policy guidelines, to be discussed by a panel focusing on how to operationalize the guidelines. In addition, the PCB will receive two conference room papers: i) results of the findings of the gender assessments (Cambodia, Honduras, Ukraine and a review of the Secretary-General's Task Force on Women and AIDS in Southern Africa); and ii) the gender guidelines on taking gender equality to scale in national HIV response.

3.3 Desmond Whymys provided an update on progress of the independent assessment of the implementation of the GTT recommendations. Six countries will be visited: Honduras, India, Mozambique, Nigeria, Ukraine and Zambia. Options for the introductions of this issue at the 20th PCB were discussed.