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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 thirty-third meeting of the Board will be held from Tuesday, 17 December to Thursday, 19 December 2013 at the World Health Organization (WHO) Headquarters, 20 Avenue Appia, Geneva. A copy of the provisional agenda is attached. The meeting will focus on strategic use of antiretroviral medicines for treatment and prevention of HIV, on coordination of HIV technical support in a rapidly changing environment, and an update on the AIDS response in the post-2015 development agenda. The meeting will include a thematic segment on the last day (19 December) addressing HIV, adolescents and youth. The opening session will begin at 09:00 on 17 December with registration starting at 08:15. The meeting is scheduled to finish at 18:00 on 19 December 2013. 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 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, accompanied by a completed electronic registration form available under the following link: <http://pcbregistration.unaids.org> must be received at UNAIDS by **30 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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