

Note for the Record

First Meeting of the Search Committee for the nomination of the next UNAIDS Executive Director

Date: **20 March 2019**

PARTICIPANTS

Search Committee Members: H.E. Mr. Yury Ambrazevich (Belarus, serving as Chair); Mr. Amar Chemakh (Algeria); Mr. Xiaochen Yang (China); Ms. Sofia Varguez (Mexico); Ms. Julia Martin (USA); Ms. Mandeep Dhaliwal (UNDP); ; Ms. Nazneen Damji (UN Women); Mr. Jonathan Gunthorp (NGO Delegation, SRHR Africa Trust); Ms. Alessandra Nilo (NGO Delegation, Gestos)

SUMMARY

1. The Search Committee (SC) held its first meeting in Geneva on 20 March at which Ambassador Ambrazevich was elected Chair.
2. The SC reviewed and finalized the code of conduct of the Search Committee to ensure that its members observe the highest ethical standards of impartiality, neutrality, confidentiality, respect for due process and selection based solely on merit. The code of conduct was signed by all members.
3. The SC established its rule of procedures.
4. The SC approved the creation of an email address, as well as a timeline, for the submission of applications taking into account comments from PCB member states to ensure the longest possible window for members to encourage candidates to submit applications.
5. The SC amended and approved the text of two advertisements for the post of Executive Director and discussed the dailies and periodicals, as well as the online mechanisms, where the advertisements would be placed.
6. The SC amended and approved the letter spelling out the competencies and experience for the post of Executive Directors and inviting the members of the PCB and other Stakeholders to encourage applications for the post;
7. The SC discussed elements of a possible scoring approach for the screening of candidates to be further developed.
8. The SC discussed possible recruitment support mechanisms to be finalized and approved at a later date.
9. The SC discussed preparations for their update to the Special Session of the PCB on 28 March 2019.

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