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**45th Session of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board
Geneva, Switzerland**

10-12 December 2019

Decisions

The UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board,

Recalling that all aspects of UNAIDS work are directed by the following guiding principles:

- Aligned to national stakeholders' priorities;
- Based on the meaningful and measurable involvement of civil society, especially people living with HIV and populations most at risk of HIV infection;
- Based on human rights and gender equality;
- Based on the best available scientific evidence and technical knowledge;
- Promoting comprehensive responses to AIDS that integrate prevention, treatment, care and support; and
- Based on the principle of non-discrimination;

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. *Adopts* the agenda;

Agenda item 1.2: Consideration of the report of the forty-fourth meeting

2. *Adopts* the report of the 44th Programme Coordinating Board meeting;

Agenda item 1.3: Report of the Executive Director

- 3.1 *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director;
- 3.2 *Requests* the Executive Director to:
 - a. Undertake a review of the current strategy and its implementation, and the results obtained;
 - b. Convene a multistakeholder consultation, with participation of Member States, to present the results of the review and consider the strategic priorities beyond 2021;
 - c. Present, for consideration by the Board at its 46th meeting in June 2020, options, and their respective processes and timelines, to ensure that the

UNAIDS strategy remains ambitious, visionary, and evidence based beyond 2021; and

- d. Consult the United Nations Secretary-General to consider options for the timing of the UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on HIV and AIDS and advise the 46th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board in June 2020;

Agenda item 1.4. Report by the NGO Representative

4.1 *Recognizing that:*

- a. The future global response to HIV should focus on, and accelerate gains made in protecting and supporting people living with HIV and other key populations, women and young people, and;
- b. Addressing the social, economic, and structural drivers of the AIDS epidemic further contributes to reaching broader global health goals and ensuring progress across the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in order to leave no one behind;

4.2 *Recalling:*

- a. The 39th Programme Coordinating Board decision points 5.1 through 5.4, on the essential role of communities in ending AIDS by 2030 and decision point 8.4 which recognizes “the urgent need to integrate HIV response programming with other health programming... in order to seek mechanisms for better multilateral support of civil society and communities as independent development actors”, and;
- b. The commitments outlined in the United Nations political declaration of the high-level meeting on universal health coverage adopted on 10 October 2019;

4.3 *Takes note* of the report;

4.4 *Requests* the UNAIDS Joint Programme to continue supporting Member States in creating an enabling environment for people living with HIV and other key populations, women and young people by addressing and overcoming relevant economic, social, structural and regulatory barriers – including stigma, discrimination and criminalization – that prevent their access to comprehensive HIV services and health-related programmes;

4.5 *Requests* the UNAIDS Joint Programme, in accordance with the division of labour and the mandates of its different organizations, and in collaboration with civil society and community-led organizations, to recommend approaches for monitoring and reporting on the engagement of organizations of and/or for people living with HIV and other key populations, women and young people in Universal Health Coverage strategies and monitoring and evaluation frameworks;

4.6 *Calls* on the UNAIDS Joint Programme to continue supporting Member States in ensuring all the elements of comprehensive HIV programming, as set out in the UNAIDS Strategy (2016-2021), remain or become available and accessible to

people living with HIV and other key populations, women and young people under Universal Health Coverage frameworks and policies; and

- 4.7 *Calls* on Member States to contribute to the attainment of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development commitment to leave no one behind and placing people living with HIV and other key populations, women and young people as critical partners and stakeholders in Universal Health Coverage design and implementation, and relevant policies and programmes, in order to promote approaches that are accountable, people-centered and community-led;

Agenda item 3: Annual progress report on HIV prevention 2020

- 5.1 *Recalling* the decisions from the 41st Programme Coordinating Board meeting on the follow-up to the thematic segment on HIV prevention 2020: *a global partnership for delivery*;
- 5.2 *Takes note* of the 2019 progress report on HIV prevention 2020;
- 5.3 *Requests* Member States, in collaboration with community-based organizations, civil society and partners, to accelerate a scaled-up prevention response in line with the commitments in the 2016 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS and the HIV Prevention 2020 Road Map, taking on board lessons learned to date through the work of the Global HIV Prevention Coalition and its focus countries;
- 5.4 *Underlines* the importance for Member States and donors to increase investments in HIV prevention, with no less than one quarter of HIV spending to be invested in prevention programmes, and requests that Member States, with the support of the Joint Programme, move expeditiously to develop and submit funding proposals to the Global Fund that reflect the key elements described in this report, including a full expression of priority gaps for HIV prevention, optimizing resource allocation and leaving no one behind in the national response; and
- 5.5 *Requests* the Joint Programme to support countries in developing and implementing robust prevention plans that are comprehensive, equitable and people-centred and that address key persistent obstacles, including the need to overcome implementation barriers, further reduce stigma and discrimination, and strengthen community engagement in prevention service delivery, and report back to the Programme Coordinating Board in 2020 on progress made in HIV prevention, including the measurable outcomes and efficacy of the Global HIV Prevention Coalition since its inception;

Agenda item 4: Progress report on the barriers to effective funding of community-led responses by international and private funders as well as better understanding of the challenges faced by national governments in allocating funding to communities' responses

- 6.1 *Takes note* of the diverse views expressed in the discussion at the Programme Coordinating Board meeting, including support for and reservations on the progress report; and
- 6.2 *Recalling* decision point 10.4b of the 43rd Programme Coordinating Board meeting¹, *requests* the Joint Programme to convene a geographically balanced multistakeholder task team open to all Member States, and to report back on the process to the Programme Coordinating Board in its 46th Session;

Agenda item 5: Follow-up to the thematic segment from the 44th Programme Coordinating Board meeting

- 7.1 *Takes note* of the background note (UNAIDS/PCB (44)/19.21) and the summary report (UNAIDS/PCB (45)/19.28) of the Programme Coordinating Board thematic segment on Delivering on SDG3: Strengthening and integrating comprehensive HIV responses into sustainable health systems for Universal Health Coverage (UHC);
- 7.2 *Recalls* the commitments outlined in the political declaration of the high-level meeting on universal health coverage, adopted on 10 October 2019;
- 7.3 *Requests* the UNAIDS Joint Programme to:
- a. Promote coordinated and synergistic actions to achieve ending AIDS and other relevant SDG 3 targets, as well as contributing to other health-related SDGs as part of a coherent UHC agenda; and
 - b. Continue to support countries to monitor who is being left behind in the provision of HIV services and to support countries to remove barriers to HIV services ensuring that UHC is people-centred, rights-based, gender responsive, and free of stigma and discrimination;
- 7.4 *Calls* on the UNAIDS Joint Programme to continue to advocate for and support the meaningful participation of community and civil society in implementing and monitoring national HIV responses and critical aspects of UHC, including by contributing to guidance on civil society engagement and to community-friendly UHC monitoring tools, and to advocate for domestic and international financing for HIV and health as part of the UHC agenda; and

¹ Requests the Joint Programme to convene a task team with diverse donors, implementing countries, and civil society representatives, including representatives of people living with HIV, women and adolescent girls and young women, youth and key populations, to standardize the use of definitions, including, "community-led AIDS response" and "social enablers" and to recommend good practices and improved modalities to ensure access to funding for community-based organizations and constituency-based networks;

- 7.5 *Calls on Members States to:*
- a. Utilise lessons learned from the HIV response, including the focus on equity, outcomes and accountability, and responsiveness to human rights principles and the inclusion of the vulnerable and marginalised segments of the population to guide efforts towards UHC;
 - b. Invest in HIV as part of overall health financing and as an important enabler for broader development and a key contributor to UHC, and include both HIV prevention and treatment interventions as part of essential health care services;
 - c. Where applicable, integrate HIV prevention and treatment services with other relevant services and broader health systems efforts in order to address HIV, co-infections, comorbidities and gender-based violence to promote improved health outcomes;
 - d. Strengthen health systems and accelerate multisectoral responses to address the determinants of health, including through addressing legal barriers, striving to eliminate stigma and discrimination and implementing social protection programmes; and
 - e. Renew efforts to identify, address and overcome regulatory and cultural barriers to the effective involvement of civil society and ensure the meaningful inclusion of civil society, including people living with HIV and other key populations, young people and women at all levels of planning, as well as national and donor policy and programming frameworks, to ensure full involvement, quality participation and influence in the design, implementation and evaluation of policies and programmes; and to systematically and strategically include community-based social and health service delivery as part of comprehensive systems for health.

Agenda item 6: Report on progress on actions to reduce stigma and discrimination in all its forms

- 8.1 *Takes note* of the report;
- 8.2 *Requests* the UNAIDS Joint Program to:
- a. Support Member States, civil society, networks of key populations and other partners, including national, regional and international human rights institutions and bodies, to set national targets and programmatic indicators to track progress and report impact of stigma and discrimination reduction programmes in routine monitoring and reporting mechanisms;
 - b. Coordinate and increase technical assistance, and develop synergies between the Global Partnership for action to eliminate all forms of HIV related stigma and discrimination and bilateral and multilateral donors and other stakeholders investing in programmes to eliminate stigma and discrimination in all its forms at national, regional and global level;
 - c. Continue to strengthen capacities of civil society, women and adolescent organizations, networks of people living with HIV and key populations at country level to demand discrimination-free services and participate in the design, implementation and tracking of programmes to end discrimination; and

- d. Report back to the Programme Coordinating Board on progress made on reducing HIV-related stigma and discrimination;
- 8.3 *Calls on* Member States and donors to:
- a. Increase political support and investments in the implementation of the key human rights programmes and in the minimum package of evidence based interventions to end HIV related stigma and discrimination faced by people living with and affected by HIV in six settings: health-care, workplace, education, justice, household, emergencies and humanitarian settings; and
 - b. Engage civil society, networks of people living with HIV and key populations in the design, implementation and monitoring of programmes to end discrimination;

Agenda item 7: Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Management and Administrative Review of UNAIDS

- 9.1 *Takes note* with appreciation of the review of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Management and Administration of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), as contained in UNAIDS/PCB (45)/19.37, including the recommendations on governance, and affirms its resolve to strengthen oversight and accountability;
- 9.2 *Decides* to establish, through its Bureau, a geographically balanced, time-bound PCB working group with a non-extendable mandate to review the relevant JIU recommendations addressed to the Programme Coordinating Board, and to provide an initial report on progress to the 46th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board and to provide its final report with implementation options for the consideration of the Programme Coordinating Board at its 47th meeting;
- 9.3 *Takes note* with appreciation of the Management Response and *requests* the Executive Director to respond, in close collaboration with the cosponsors as relevant, to the JIU recommendations directed at the Secretariat and the Joint Programme as part of a single programme of change, and provide an update on progress made in this regard to the 47th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board in December 2020;
- 9.4 *Welcomes and affirms* the commitment of the Executive Director to establish a regular stand-alone agenda item, in consultation with the Bureau of the Programme Coordinating Board, to cover internal and external audits, ethics, and other topics on accountability presented by the appropriate independent functions in their respective reports to the Board starting at the 46th Programme Coordinating Board meeting; and
- 9.5 *Requests* the cosponsors to bring the report to the attention of their respective governing bodies;

Agenda item 8: Lessons Learned on the nomination process of UNAIDS Executive Director

10. *Takes note* with appreciation of the recommendations of the Search Committee and *notes* the views expressed in the discussion at the 45th Programme Coordinating Board meeting, which should both be taken into consideration for future searches and the discussions on governance issues;

Agenda item 9: Evaluation Plan

11. *Recalls* its decision at the 44th session of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (decision 6.6) and *approves* the UNAIDS 2020-2021 Evaluation Plan with annual reporting on implementation by the UNAIDS Evaluation Office;

Agenda item 10: Next PCB meetings

- 12.1 *Agrees* that the themes for the 46th and 47th Programme Coordinating Board meetings will be:
 - a. Cervical Cancer and HIV -- addressing linkages and common inequalities to save women's lives (46th Programme Coordinating Board meeting)
 - b. What does the regional and country-level data tell us, are we listening, and how can we better leverage that data and related technology to meet our 2020 and 2030 goals? (47th Programme Coordinating Board meeting)
- 12.2 *Requests* the Programme Coordinating Board Bureau to take appropriate and timely steps to ensure that due process is followed in the call for themes for the 48th and 49th Programme Coordinating Board meetings; and
- 12.3 *Agrees* on the dates for the 50th (21st, 22nd, and 23rd June 2022) and the 51st (13th, 14th, and 15th December 2022) meetings of the Programme Coordinating Board;

Agenda item 11: Election of Officers

13. *Elects* the United States of America as the Chair, the Republic of Namibia as the Vice-Chair and India as the Rapporteur for the period 1 January to 31 December 2020 and *approves* the composition of the Programme Coordinating Board NGO Delegation.

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