Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 21 July 2011

Present: Rosibel Menendez (Representing the Chair - El Salvador); Jolanta Chojecka and Joanna Glazewska (Representing the Vice Chair - Poland); Mokhtar Warida (representing the Rapporteur - Egypt); Nadia Raffi (Representing PCB NGOs), Thilly De Bodt and Natalie Amar (UNICEF, representing Cosponsors) joined by phone.

UNAIDS Secretariat: Helen Frary (CRG), Jan Beagle (DXD), Tyszko Jacek (CRG)

Meeting agenda:
1. The draft agenda for 29th PCB meeting was the agenda for this meeting
2. Any other business

1. Draft agenda for the 29th PCB meeting

The Bureau agreed the draft agenda for the 29th PCB meeting with the following items:
- Opening (to include reports of the UNAIDS Executive Director and the NGO representative);
- Follow-up to the 2011 UN General Assembly High Level Meeting on AIDS;
- Progress report on the Global Plan towards the Elimination of New HIV Infections among Children by 2015 and Keeping their Mothers Alive;
- Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS;
- UNAIDS results, accountability and budget matrix;
- UNAIDS Technical Support;
- Next PCB meetings; and
- Thematic segment: HIV and Enabling Legal Environment.

Noting that the proposed agenda was ambitious and would be challenging from the point of time management the Bureau decided to postpone an item on human rights-related PCB decisions, originally planned for 29th PCB, to the 30th meeting.

At its next meeting the Bureau will determine which papers for the 29th PCB will be considered as key and subject to consultation before the Board meeting.

In responding to a question for clarification the Secretariat explained that the proposed agenda item on technical support was to consider the respective UNAIDS strategy within the global support context.

The Bureau adopted the agenda of the 29th PCB after requesting some changes to allow ample time to discuss the issues proposed. The Bureau discussed the thematic session where some members, upon explanation provided by the Secretariat, expressed support to allocate one day for it in order to allow diverse discussion and participation, while others noted that the description of the session was put forward more than a year ago in June 2010. Therefore, the Bureau recommended that, in developing and preparing the thematic session, the working group should take into due account the following documents:
- 2011 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: Intensifying our Efforts to Eliminate HIV and AIDS adopted by UN General Assembly in June 2011; and
- 2011 ECOSOC resolution on UNAIDS adopted in July 2011.

2. Any other business

- The Secretariat informed the Bureau that the 29th PCB meeting will be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva and that discussions were already on-going to ensure the required facilities and services.

- Poland sought updates on the PCB field visit. The Secretariat informed the Bureau that all countries with Millennium Development Villages had been discussed but two options had been shortlisted with Kenya likely to be the preferred one on several grounds, such as, logistics (flights, local transport and hotels), security, and the proximity of organisations and projects of interest.

- The next meeting scheduled of the PCB Bureau is planned for 22 September.