UNAIDS PCB Bureau meeting

MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: Friday 7 December 2018

PARTICIPANTS

PCB Bureau: Mr Daniel Graymore, Dr Fiona Campbell and Mr Nicolas Alexander (United Kingdom: representing the Chair); Mr Yang Xiaochen (China: representing the Vice-Chair); Mr Amar Chemakh (Algeria: representing the Rapporteur); Ms Alessandra Nilo (representing the PCB NGO Delegation) Ms Ann Burton and Mr David Sunderland (UNHCR: representing UNAIDS Cosponsors).

UNAIDS Secretariat: Mr Morten Ussing, Director and Ms Samia Lounnas, Senior Governance Advisor (Governance and Multilateral Affairs, UNAIDS)

Excused: Mr Samir Rahem (Algeria: representing the Rapporteur), Ms Sonal Mehta (representing the PCB NGO Delegation); 

MEETING AGENDA

Finalise and agree on the PCB Bureau paper under agenda item 3.1 Report on the work of the Independent Expert Panel on prevention of and response to harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and abuse of power at UNAIDS Secretariat.

SUMMARY

Mr Daniel Graymore, representing the PCB Chair, welcomed participants to the meeting.

The Chair recalled that an electronic copy of the draft report of the PCB Bureau which will inform the discussion under agenda item 3.1 Report on the work of the Independent Expert Panel on prevention of and response to harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and abuse of power at UNAIDS Secretariat, had been shared with the members of the PCB Bureau for comments.

The PCB Bureau paper aims to describe the process followed by the PCB Bureau since the 42nd PCB meeting in June, including the selection of the members of the Independent Expert Panel and the oversight process followed by the PCB Bureau as mandated by the PCB in line with the approved Terms of reference http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/documents/2018/PCB42_Independent-Expert-panel

Following discussions and debate on the content of the paper and the proposed decision points, the PCB Bureau reached a consensus on the final report and draft decision points and requested UNAIDS Secretariat to post the PCB Bureau paper on the UNAIDS website alongside the other PCB papers for agenda item3 of the agenda. The Bureau also requested the Secretariat to update the draft decision points for the meeting.

It was requested to leave time for Bureau members to obtain clearance on the wording from capital.

The Chair concluded the meeting by briefing on feed-back from PCB members with regards to the very full agenda and concerns by some as to the ability of the Board to allow sufficient time to due debate on each agenda item. Subsequently the Chair has been considering to have the debates on agenda items 5 and 6 together. In the morning of 12 December, progress on the agenda would be assessed and a way forward proposed.