



UNAIDS PCB Bureau meeting

MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: Monday 25 March 2019

PARTICIPANTS

PCB Bureau: Mr Yang Xiaochen (China: representing the Chair); Ms Julia Martin and Ms Tracy Carson (United States of America: representing the Vice-Chair); Mr Dmitry Nikalayenia (Belarus: representing the Rapporteur); Ms Alessandra Nilo and Mr Jonathan Gunthorp (representing the PCB NGO Delegation); and Ms Elisabeth Benomar (UNFPA: representing UNAIDS Cosponsors).

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

MEETING AGENDA

1. Preparation for the proceedings of the Special Session of the PCB (28 March)

The Bureau will agree on the proceeding of the Special Session of the PCB.

2. Review of the draft annotated agenda of the Special Session of the PCB meeting (28 March)

The PCB Bureau convened a meeting following the pre-PCB Missions briefing and comments from some Member States to review the agenda of the Special Session.

SUMMARY

1. Preparation for the proceedings of the Special Session of the PCB (28 March)

The Chair of the Bureau thanked the Bureau members for availing themselves for a Bureau meeting called on a very short notice to agree on the proceedings of the agenda items at the Special Session on 28 March.

The discussion focused mainly on agenda item **2. Update on prevention of and response to harassment, including sexual harassment; bullying and abuse of power at UNAIDS Secretariat**, in order to clarify the expectations on the different levels of the debate.

Subsequent to the discussions, the Bureau agreed on the following for agenda item 2:

After consideration, the Bureau decided to change the title of agenda item 2 for greater clarity: **2. Update on prevention of and response to harassment, including sexual harassment; bullying and abuse of power at UNAIDS Secretariat.**

The discussion will be managed as two distinct discussions within the item:

First part of the discussion

- The Secretariat will introduce the Management Action Plan (MAP);
- Then the Chair of the PCB Working Group will present the discussion and preliminary analysis of the Working Group (oral report only) on the MAP, as well as setting out broadly the considerations of the Working Group with regards to the possibility of strengthening the oversight role of the PCB of the UNAIDS Secretariat;
- The floor would then be open for reactions from the Board members: regarding the MAP and/or the oversight role of the PCB and then in regard to guidance to the Working Group as it takes this work forward towards the recommendations for presentation to the 44th PCB meeting in June;
- The Secretariat and the Chair of the Working Group will be asked for reactions on the feedback of the Board.

Second part of the discussion

- This discussion will focus on the IEP recommendations that might be relevant for the broader UN system and which the Board may wish to emphasize to the United Nations Secretary-General;
- The Chair of the Working Group¹ would be requested to provide preliminary thoughts on the areas for consideration from the perspective of the Working Group;
- This would be followed by the floor being opened for consideration of the Board members and observers;
- The PCB Working Group would use the feedback from the Board and refine a proposal for consideration by the Board at the 44th PCB meeting in June.

The Bureau also agreed that the Chair of the PCB Bureau will send, immediately after this meeting, a communication on the above to the Chair of the PCB Working Group to help guide the preparation of their oral statement at the Special Session.

The Bureau agreed also that proceeding of agenda item **3. Update on the selection process of the next UNAIDS Executive Director**, will be as the follows:

- The Chair of the Search Committee will provide an oral statement to the Board;
- It will be followed by a sharing of views of the Board on the search process.

Time management at the Special Session

The Bureau agreed that the traffic lights will be used for time management by the Chair of the PCB during the Special Session.

¹ Working Group of the Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) to strengthen the PCB's monitoring and evaluation role on zero tolerance against harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and abuse of power at the UNAIDS Secretariat

2. Review of the draft annotated agenda of the Special Session of the PCB meeting (28 March)

Following a Missions' briefing in preparation of the Special Session, which took place at UNAIDS Secretariat from 13:30-14:30 on Monday 25 March, the Bureau decided to reconvene in a short meeting to address comments of some Member States on the request for more clarity in the draft annotated agenda of the Special Session.

After discussing the comments shared during the Missions' briefing, the Bureau members noted the exceptional nature of the Special Session and the need to revise the annotation of the agenda to clarify the expectations from the Board. The Bureau noted that, given that these changes were made due to the exceptional nature of the meeting, this action should not be considered precedent in the future.

The Bureau agreed on the below revisions in the draft annotated agenda of the Special Session and the Chair of the PCB Bureau requested the Secretariat to convey the decision to the Executive Director for final clearance and posting.

The Bureau felt that this revised version of the annotated agenda responds to the call from Board Members in the necessity of having clarity to prepare their delegates and the statements.

Revised annotated agenda of the Special Session

1. Opening the meeting and adoption of the agenda

The Chair will provide the opening remarks to the special session of the PCB.

2. Update on prevention of and response to harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and abuse of power at UNAIDS Secretariat

The Board will receive:

- *Update from UNAIDS Secretariat on the implementation of the UNAIDS Management Action Plan (MAP) in response to the IEP report² and progress since December 2018;*
- *Oral update of the PCB Working Group on the MAP and strengthening the PCB oversight of UNAIDS Secretariat*

Followed by:

- *PCB views on the MAP and PCB's oversight role*
- *PCB Working Group reflections on IEP recommendations with possible relevance for the broader UN System and for the UN-Secretary General's consideration*

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² Independent Expert Panel (IEP) report on prevention of and response to harassment, including sexual harassment; bullying and abuse of power at UNAIDS Secretariat

3. Selection process of the next Executive Director of UNAIDS

- *The Board will receive an oral update on the process for the nomination of the next Executive Director of UNAIDS*

Followed by

- *PCB perspectives on the Executive Director search process*

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