The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions in Geneva to Organizations of the United Nations system, and to Nongovernmental Organizations dealing with matters pertaining to HIV/AIDS not represented on the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB).

UNAIDS has the honour to inform the Missions and Organizations that the thirty-ninth meeting of the UNAIDS Board will be held from Tuesday, 6 December to Thursday, 8 December 2016 in the Executive Board room at the WHO Headquarters, 20 Avenue Appia, Geneva. The opening session will begin at 09:00 on 6 December with registration starting at 08:15. The meeting is scheduled to finish on 8 December at 18:00.

A copy of the provisional agenda and a note on logistical arrangements for the 39th UNAIDS PCB meeting are attached. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for the UNAIDS PCB plenary sessions in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Documents are being prepared in English and in French and will be available on the UNAIDS web site closer to the meeting dates.

UNAIDS wishes to draw the attention of the Missions and Organizations to the Modus Operandi of the UNAIDS PCB, which includes a provision that observer status may be granted by the Executive Director of UNAIDS, in consultation with the PCB Chairperson and upon receipt of a written application expressing a manifest interest, to any Member State of any of the UNAIDS Cosponsoring Organizations, and any intergovernmental or nongovernmental organization. Observers shall make their own arrangements to cover expenses incurred in attending meetings of the UNAIDS Board including any visa requirements. To facilitate logistical arrangements, applications for observer status should be submitted online using the electronic registration form available under the following link: http://pcbregistration.unaids.org before the 21 November deadline.

UNAIDS avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions in Geneva, to Organizations of the United Nations system and to the Nongovernmental Organizations, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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