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 forty-seventh meeting of the Board will be held virtually from Tuesday 15 December to Friday 18 December 2020. The virtual meeting through video conferencing will take place over four days with plenary sessions held each day from 13:00 to 16:30 (Geneva time) to accommodate participants from different time zones.

A copy of the provisional agenda, timewise agenda, and a note on logistical arrangements for the 47th meeting of the Board are attached hereto: UNAIDS/PCB(47)/20.23. A virtual pre-PCB briefing for Permanent Missions on logistics will be organized on 19 November 2020.

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. Requests for observer status should be made through http://pcbregistration.unaids.org no later than the deadline of Tuesday, 8 December 2020.

In accordance with the modalities and procedures for the 47th UNAIDS PCB meeting (UNAIDS/PCB(47)/20.23), registration for the 47th PCB meeting will be limited to two (2) speakers and two (2) listeners for Observer Member States, NGO Observers, and Intergovernmental Organizations. Delegations should submit a note verbale for Member States and a note for other participants, with their online registration for the 47th PCB meeting, to indicate the participants who will serve as speakers and as listeners: http://pcbregistration.unaids.org.

In accordance with the modalities and procedures for the 47th UNAIDS PCB meeting (UNAIDS/PCB(47)/20.23), informal pre-meeting sessions to address specific agenda items and a consultation on draft decisions will be organized prior to the virtual meeting of the Board by the PCB Chair between 19 November and 10 December 2020 (UNAIDS/PCB (47)20.23 - detailed schedule included on page 10/22), from 13:00 to 16:00 (Geneva time). It is recommended that delegates for the 47th PCB meeting also take part in the informal pre-meeting sessions and the consultation on draft decisions. A separate online registration will be required for the informal pre-meeting sessions and the consultation on draft decisions by Tuesday, 17 November 2020: http://indico.un.org/e/pcb47-premeetings.
Observer Member States, NGO Observers, and Intergovernmental Organizations who would like to participate in the scheduled pre-meeting sessions and the consultation on draft decisions, should submit their registration request the latest by Tuesday, 17 November 2020 on the UNAIDS website: http://pcbregistration.unaids.org.

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.

Geneva, 4 November 2020