Notes from the eleventh meeting of the 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 UNAIDS

DATE: 18 June 2019

VENUE: Conference room 1, UNAIDS, Geneva and "virtual" attendance
OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The Chair, Laurie Newell, UNFPA Human Resources, opened the meeting. She thanked participants for their continued commitment to the Working Group. The purpose was to discuss the Group’s presentation to the Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) at the upcoming 44th session.

PAPER FOR THE 44TH PCB SESSION

2. The paper of the Working Group had been submitted to the UNAIDS Governance and Multilateral Affairs team for copy-editing and was posted on 18 June. The Chair drew attention to the changes made to the paper after the previous meeting of the Working Group. She suggested that constituencies could express their position at the PCB on issues for which the Working Group had not been able to achieve consensus around and which were not included in the paper.

3. The Chair opened the floor for follow-up to the previous meeting. She noted that she would be happy to meet prior to the PCB, if necessary.

4. Members clarified their positions on the items for which they had been unable to achieve consensus, notably the messaging to the Secretary-General and governance oversight. However, members stressed the importance of speaking in a unified, constructive voice at the upcoming PCB. They looked forward to a collaborative meeting at the June PCB.

5. Members of the Working Group thanked the Chair for her excellent work, particularly with regard to finalizing the paper and preparing the presentation. Members also voiced appreciation for the guidance of the PCB Bureau on the paper to be presented to the 44th PCB.

PRESENTATION FOR THE 44TH PCB SESSION

6. The Chair discussed the format for the session at the PCB. The Working Group would present its report, followed by a presentation on the Management Action Plan by the Secretariat. The PCB members would then be invited to discuss the report. Then the Evaluation Policy Paper would be presented for discussion. The Chair of the Working Group would comment on each complimentary component. She requested feedback from the Working Group on the presentation and the draft PowerPoint.

7. Members discussed how best to facilitate the session and asked for clarity regarding the sequencing of the components. The Chair noted that the Working Group report served as an umbrella for the complimentary components. She agreed to provide additional changes to the presentation to the Group.

WRAP-UP

8. The Chair announced that the meeting notes had been posted on the UNAIDS website and that the report writer was finalizing the remaining notes.

9. She thanked members for the discussion and their commitment and collaboration throughout this process.

10. The meeting was closed.

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