Notes from the ninth 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: 31 May 2019

VENUE: Teleconference

OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. The Chair opened the meeting by thanking committee members for their continued commitment to the working group as they finalize their presentation and report to the Programme Coordinating Board (PCB).

2. The Chair then presented the proposed meeting agenda.

FORMAT OF PCB PRESENTATION

3. The Chair updated the Working Group on recent conversations with the Secretariat in regard to the proposed agenda for the PCB, which groups the Report of the Working Group, the Management Action Plan, the Update on Human Resource Management Issues, and the Statement by the Chair of the USSA on the first day. She noted that the current proposal of the Bureau is to have each of these agenda items presented consecutively and then followed by a consolidated discussion.

4. She proposed that the Working Group's presentation be delivered as an oral statement rather than a PowerPoint presentation. Members of the Working Group expressed the importance of cohesion with the rest of the presentations in the proposed block. Ms Newell noted that the Management Action Plan, Evaluation Policy Paper and Update on Strategic Human Resource Management Issues are expected to be delivered as PowerPoint presentations.

5. Members of the Working Group determined that a PowerPoint presentation, in addition to providing cohesion, would also help illustrate their work and their recommendations. The PowerPoint presentation will be prepared using the structure of the report's recommendations.

6. Stressing the importance of effectively and efficiently presenting their material, the Working Group agreed that the Chair would present the material and other members of the Working Group would be welcome to provide additional input from their seats.

MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN UPDATE

7. The Chair reminded the Working Group that they had received the lasted version of the revised Management Action Plan for review. Multiple members of the Working Group had submitted additional comments.

8. Members of the Working Group expressed consensus on endorsing the MAP, with a request for clarification that the PCB is receiving a revised version of the Management Action Plan that builds upon and enhances the MAP presented at the Special Session.

UPDATE ON HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ISSUES

9. The Chair invited comments on the Update on Human Resource Management Issues, which the Working Group had received for review.

10. Members responded positively to the enhancements in information provided in this report.

REPORT AND RELATED ISSUES

11. The Working Group discussed its report to the 44th PCB. The Chair requested feedback on the current version, which had been shared with all participants.

12. Members remarked that the paper comprehensively covers their work and recommendations. However, they noted that the paper is complex and merits review to gain greater clarity in structure and content. Members identified the importance of prominently displaying their recommendations. They provided additional comments on specific sections for review.

13. Members thanked the Chair for her leadership on the writing of this paper.

14. The Chair noted that she would incorporate the comments that she received during the meeting and via email to create an additional draft for review.

15. The Working Group discussed the need for additional virtual meetings to follow up on achieving consensus on the report.

WRAP-UP

16. The Chair reviewed the agreed-upon timeline to submit the draft of the PCB paper and summarized the next steps.

17. The Chair closed the meeting.

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