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Interim financial management update for the 2010–2011 biennium for the period 1 January 2010 to 31 March 2011

Additional documents for this item: Unaudited Interim Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2010 (Document: UNAIDS/PCB(28)/11.8)

### Action required at this meeting - the Programme Coordinating Board is invited to:

- i. Take note of the interim financial management update for the 2010-2011 biennium for the period 1 January 2010 to 31 March 2011;
- ii. Encourage donor governments and others to release their contributions towards the 2010-2011 Unified Budget and Workplan as soon as possible;
- iii. Take note of the report of the Executive Director on provisions for employee benefits under IPSAS;
- iv. Endorse the Executive Director's recommendation to fully fund the organizational liabilities for employees from the fund balance and approve the funding of an initial amount of US\$ 20 million from the fund balance;
- v. Authorize the remaining estimated US\$ 30.2 million shortfall in the organizational liabilities for employees to be covered from the fund balance over a period of five years or less, subject to availability of funds.
- vi. Endorse the establishment of a Building Renovation Reserve Fund with an initial amount of US\$ 2.6 million;
- vii. Approve replenishment of the Fund on an annual basis out of the fund balance for the amount of depreciation accumulated to the UNAIDS' buildings or such other amount as might be determined from time to time by the Programme Coordinating Board; and
- viii. Authorize the Executive Director to use the Building Renovation Reserve Fund to meet the costs of major repairs of, alterations to, and investments in, UNAIDS' office buildings and report on the use of the Fund to the Programme Coordinating Board.

Cost implications for decisions: US\$22.6 million

### **INTRODUCTION**

- The financial period of UNAIDS covers two consecutive calendar years, beginning with an evennumbered year. This document presents interim financial management information on the 2010– 2011 biennium, for the period 1 January 2010 to 31 March 2011. A formal and certified financial report covering the full biennium will be prepared at the end of 2011, the second year of the financial period.
- 2. This interim financial management information is not accompanied by an audit opinion. However, the accounts and operations of UNAIDS are subject to continuous examination and review by both internal and external auditors of WHO, which provides administration in support of the Programme as per Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) resolution 1994/24, and Article XI of the Memorandum of Understanding among Cosponsors establishing UNAIDS.

#### THE UNIFIED BUDGET AND WORKPLAN FOR THE 2010-2011 BIENNIUM

### **Approved Budget and Workplan**

- 3. The 2010-2011 Unified Budget and Workplan has been guided by the 2007-2011 Strategic Framework for UNAIDS support to countries' efforts to move towards Universal Access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support (UNAIDS/PCB(23)08.27). This Framework outlines the following five strategic directions for the Joint Programme:
  - Guiding the global agenda, increasing involvement and monitoring global progress;
  - Technical support and capacity building to 'make the money work' for Universal Access;
  - Human rights, gender equality and reduced vulnerability of most-at-risk populations;
  - Re-emphasizing HIV prevention alongside treatment, care and support; and
  - Strengthening harmonization and alignment to national priorities.
- 4. In addition, the 2010-2011 Unified Budget and Workplan reflects a focus on the following ten priority areas which are linked to expected outcomes and outputs:
  - Reducing sexual transmission of HIV;
  - Preventing mothers from dying and babies from becoming infected with HIV;
  - Ensuring people living with HIV receive treatment:
  - Preventing people living with HIV from dying of tuberculosis;
  - Protecting drug users from becoming infected with HIV;
  - Removing punitive laws, policies and practices, stigma and discrimination that block effective responses to AIDS;
  - Stopping violence against women and girls;
  - Empowering young people to protect themselves from HIV;
  - Enhancing social protection for people affected by HIV; and
  - Protecting men who have sex with men, sex workers, and transgender people from becoming infected with HIV.
- 5. At its 24th meeting held in Geneva from 22 to 24 June 2009, the Programme Coordinating Board endorsed the action agenda and priority areas contained in the 2010-2011 Unified Budget and Workplan. It approved the total budget of US\$ 484.8 million (the same level as for the previous biennium) and the distribution of these resources as follows: US\$ 161.0 million to be shared among 10 Cosponsors; US\$ 182.4 for the UNAIDS Secretariat; US\$ 136.4 million for interagency activities; and US\$ 5 million as a contingency fund.

- 6. Furthermore, at its 27th meeting held in Geneva from 8 to 10 December 2010, the Programme Coordinating Board adopted the UNAIDS 2011-2015 Strategy. This Strategy outlines the following three strategic directions: (i) Revolutionize HIV prevention; (ii) Catalyse the next phase of treatment, care and support and (iii) Advance human rights and gender equality for the HIV response.
- 7. These strategic directions provide a transformative agenda for the global HIV response to ensure resources are deployed optimally to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support and to halt and reverse the spread of HIV and contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development goals by 2015.

#### Funds made available for the 2010-2011 biennium

8. During the period under review, operating revenue of US\$ 275.0 million was made available towards the Unified Budget and Workplan for 2010-2011. Twenty eight governments contributed 98.5 per cent of this amount, and the World Bank contributed 1.5 per cent of this amount. In addition to this amount, financial revenue (primarily interest earnings) of US\$ 4.3 million was also received and apportioned during the reporting period bringing the total revenue available to the Unified Budget and Workplan for 2010-2011 to US\$ 279.3 million. Table 1 provides the details of revenue attributed towards the 2010-2011 Unified Budget and Workplan during the period 1 January 2010 to 31 March 2011.

Table 1

### Unified Budget and Workplan - details of revenue for the period 1 January 2010 to 31 March 2011

(in US dollars)

Voluntary contributions	Funds made available towards the 2010-2011 Unified Budget and Workplan			
Governments				
Andorra	41 667			
Australia	6 818 182			
Austria	144 300			
Belgium	12 048 491			
Canada	5 268 293			
China	100 000			
Denmark	14 500 945			
Finland	12 145 749			
Flemish Government	0			
France	944 669			
Germany	7 067 787			
Ireland	3 952 569			
Israel	5 000			
Japan	5 650 271			
Liechtenstein	23 063			
Luxembourg	3 576 248			
Monaco	132 116			
Netherlands	38 840 937			
New Zealand	5 250 350			
Norway	26 823 135			
Poland	61 653			
Portugal	269 906			
Russian Federation	500 000			
Spain	2 975 721			
Sweden	37 801 604			
Switzerland	9 694 133			
Thailand	199 973			
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	31 412 347			
United States of America	44 700 000			
Sub-total	270 949 109			
Cosponsoring organizations				
World Bank	4 000 000			
Sub-total	4 000 000			
Other				
United Nations Federal Credit Union	33 734			
Miscellaneous	32 155			
Sub-total	65 889			
Fotal operating revenue	275 014 998			
Other revenue				
Interest	4 326 180			
Total other revenue	4 326 180			
GRAND TOTAL	279 341 178			

9. Table 2 compares the funds contributed towards the Unified Budget and Workplan for 2004-2005, 2006–2007, 2008–2009 and 2010–2011 by 31 March of 2005, 2007, 2009 and 2011 for the relevant biennium. The percentage of funds made available against the 2010–2011 Unified Budget and Workplan currently stands at 57.6 per cent which is significantly lower than in previous biennia. This highlights the need for donors who have already made commitments, to pay the outstanding amounts and for those donors who have not yet done so, to pledge and pay their contributions to UNAIDS for 2011 in full.

Table 2: Percentage of revenue recognized against the Unified Budget and Workplan funding requirements by 31 March in 2005, 2007, 2009 and 2011

	31 March 2005	31 March 2007	31 March 2009	31 March 2011	31 March 2011
Approved level of the Unified Budget and Workplan in the concerned biennium (in thousands of US dollars)	270 500	406 700	484 820	484 820	484 820
Revenue recognized against the Unified Budget and Workplan (in thousand of US dollars)	182 100	245 240	421 680	a/ 279 341	253 807 b/
Percentage of revenue recognized against the Unified Budget and Workplan funding requirement	67.3%	60.3%	87.0%	a/ 57.6%	<b>b/</b> 52.4%

a/ Based on the revised accounting policy of recognizing revenue on accrual basis (i.e. upon signature of donor agreement)

### **EXTRA-BUDGETARY FUNDS**

10. During the period under review, extra-budgetary resources amounting to US\$ 46.4 million were made available to UNAIDS to provide support to a number of global, regional and country activities and a number of interagency-managed activities that are not included in the Unified Budget and Workplan and do not specifically fall under any Cosponsor's mandate. Details on the sources of these funds are provided in Table 3.

b/
Based on the previous accounting policy of recognizing revenue on cash basis (i.e. when actual cash is recieved)

Table 3

### Extra-budgetary funds - details of revenue for the period 1 January 2010 to 31 March 2011

(US dollars)

Voluntary contributions	Funds made available towards Extra-budgetary funds 2010-2011		
Governments			
Australia	9 385 782		
Denmark	4 378 517		
France	1 033 811 <sup>1/</sup>		
Ireland	2 400 182		
Japan	800 000		
Luxembourg	2 699 055		
Netherlands	322 304		
Norway	464 870		
Spain	359 789		
Sweden	2 600 646		
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2 528 481		
United States of America (CDC)	1 025 423		
United States of America (USAID)	5 125 000		
Sub-total	33 123 860		
Cosponsoring Organizations			
UNDP	651 268		
WHO	407 104		
Sub-total	1 058 372		
Other			
Asean Foundation	140 097		
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	1 233 169		
CARICOM	84 436		
European Commission	2 342 303		
Ford Foundation	1 200 000		
Germany, GTZ	1 432 090		
MDTF Office	3 507 859		
OHCHR	95 000		
Public Health Foundation in India	71 262		
UNCERF	564 962		
UNOPS	449 418		
Miscellaneaous	6 600		
Refund to donors and others	( 59 485)		
Sub-total	11 067 711		
Total operating revenue	45 249 943		
Other revenue			
Interest	1 194 340		
Total other revenue	1 194 340		
GRAND TOTAL	46 444 283		

<sup>1/</sup> Includes in-service contribution of US\$ 478 255.

### FUNDS EXPENDED AND ENCUMBERED <sup>1</sup> UNDER THE 2010-2011 UNIFIED BUDGET AND WORKPLAN

- 11. During the period 1 January 2010 to 31 March 2011, expense and encumbrance (including transfers to Cosponsors) totaling US\$ 374.4 million were incurred against the budget of US\$ 484.8 million approved for the 2010–2011 Unified Budget and Workplan, which corresponds to a financial implementation rate of 77.2 per cent. The total expense and encumbrance for the implementation of the AIDS activities contained in the Unified Budget and Workplans were distributed as follows:
  - US\$ 158.5 million was transferred to Cosponsors;
  - US\$ 95.5 million was expended and encumbered for the Interagency activities; and
  - US\$ 120.4 million was expended and encumbered for Secretariat activities and staff.
- 12. Table 4 provides details on the 2010-2011 Unified Budget and Workplan approved allocations, expense and encumbrance broken down by Cosponsors, Interagency and Secretariat for the period 1 January 2010 to 31 March 2011.

<u>Table 4:</u> 2010–2011 Unified Budget and Workplan approved allocations, expense and encumbrances for the period 1 January 2010 to 31 March 2011 (in thousands of US dollars)

	Approved allocations	Expense	Encumbrance <sup>a/</sup>	Total	Balance	Percentage implementation
	(a)	(b)	( c)	(d) = (b + c)	(e) = (a - d)	(f) = (d / a)
Cosponsors	160 970	158 539		158 539	2,431	98.5%
Interagency	136 450	77 071	18 430	95 501	40 949	70.0%
Secretariat	182 400	107 420	12 954	120 374	62 026	66.0%
Contingency	5 000	-	-	-	5 000	-
Total	484 820	343 030	31 384	374 414	110 406	77.2%

a/ Encumbrance equals a firm commitment for goods and/or services which have not yet been delivered.

### i) Funds transferred to Cosponsors

13. As of 31 March 2011, a total amount of US\$ 158.5 million has been transferred against the Cosponsors' budget, representing 98.5 per cent of the Cosponsors' share under the 2010-2011 Unified Budget and Workplan. Figure 1 provides information on the proportion of funds transferred against each individual Cosponsor versus total funds allocated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Encumbrance equals a firm commitment for goods and/or services which have not yet been delivered.

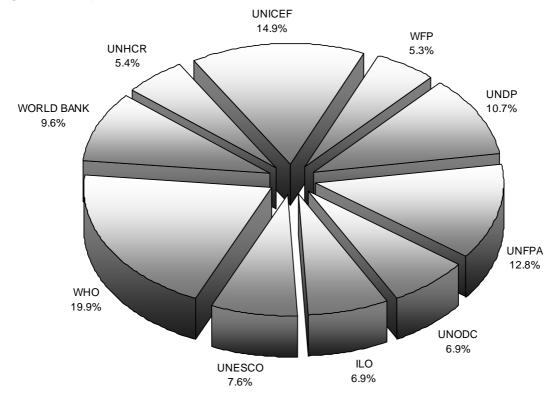


Figure 1: Cosponsors' share of funds transferred as of 31 March 2011

### ii) Funds expended and encumbered against Interagency resources

14. Interagency activities involve joint initiatives by more than one member of the UNAIDS Cosponsors and/or the Secretariat. These activities typically focus on cross-cutting activities that help strengthen the multisectoral AIDS response. During the period under review, a total amount of US\$ 77.1 million was expended and US\$ 18.4 million was encumbered for Interagency activities out of an approved biennium allocation of US\$ 136.4 million² which together represents a financial implementation rate of 70.0 per cent.

### iii) Funds expended and encumbered against the Secretariat budget

15. During the period under review, a total amount of US\$ 107.4 million was expended and US\$ 13.0 million was encumbered against the Secretariat biennium budget of US\$ 182.4 million which together represent a financial implementation rate of 66.0 per cent. The total amount expended and encumbered includes US\$ 57.8 million for fixed term core staff costs and US\$ 49.6 million for activities.

### FUNDS EXPENDED AND ENCUMBERED AGAINST THE EXTRA-BUDGETARY FUNDS FOR 2010-2011

- 16. During the period under review, a total of US\$ 48.8 million was expended and US\$ 18.8 million was encumbered against the extra-budgetary resources as detailed in Table 5.
- 17. Table 5 also presents: (i) an overview of the total extra-budgetary resources (column c), including funds carried over from 2009 which have been made available to programme activities; and (ii) the amount of funds expended and encumbered from 1 January 2010 to 31 March 2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Interagency budget includes a provision of US\$ 100 million for the salaries of the Interagency country staff (UNAIDS Country Coordinators and advisers on monitoring and evaluation, partnership development and social mobilization) and operational costs for 85 UNAIDS country offices.

Table 5

## Extra-budgetary funds Funds available, expense and encumbrance summary by source of revenue for the financial the period 1 January 2010 to 31 March 2011 (in US dollars)

af Encumbrance equals a firm commitment for goods and/or services which have not yet been delivered.

b/ Includes in-service contribution of US\$ 478 255

### **FUND BALANCE (WORKING CAPITAL)**

- 18. At its 26<sup>th</sup> meeting held in Geneva from 22-24 June 2010, the Programme Coordinating Board approved a maximum level for UNAIDS working capital equivalent to 35 per cent of the UNAIDS biennial budget. On 31 December 2009, the fund balance stood at US\$ 218.3 million or 45 per cent of the biennial budget. On 31 December 2010, the fund balance amounted to US\$ 183.4 million³ or 37.9 per cent of the biennial budget (i.e. a reduction of US\$ 34.9 million). This reduction is mainly due to high implementation rate and lower income received during the year ended on 31 December 2010.
- 19. In order to reduce the level of the fund balance to the approved level of 35 per cent of the biennial budget, the Executive Director requests the Programme Coordinating Board to endorse the utilization of a portion of the fund balance to:
  - (i) fund the organizational liabilities for employees, and;
  - (ii) establish a Building Renovation Fund.

### PROVISION FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS UNDER IPSAS AND OPTIONS FOR THEIR FUNDING

- 20. UNAIDS, along with the World Health Organization (WHO), will be adopting International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) as from 1 January 2012. Among other issues, IPSAS requires an entity to recognize, measure and disclose all its liabilities, which include employee benefits<sup>4</sup>.
- 21. IPSAS 25 deals with four categories of employee benefits, namely:
  - Short-term employee benefits, such as salaries, social security contributions and annual leave.
  - Post-employment benefits such as pensions and after service health insurance (ASHI).
  - Other long-term employee benefits, such as long-term disability benefits.
  - Termination benefits.

### 22. Short-term employee benefits.

In accordance with the staff rules and regulations, at separation, eligible staff members who have an accrued annual leave credit will be paid for each day of annual leave, up to a maximum of 60 days. The latest actuarial calculation shows the required accrual for annual leave to be US\$ 9.2 million of which US\$ 3.7 million is already provided, leaving an under provision of US\$ 5.5 million.

### 23. Post employment benefits - pensions

UNAIDS participates in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF) through WHO, which is a member organization in the UNJSPF. The UNJSPF was established by the United Nations General Assembly to provide retirement, death, disability and related benefits to staff. The pension fund is a funded defined-benefits plan. The financial obligation of the Programme to the UNJSPF consists of its mandated contribution at the rate established by the United Nations General Assembly, together with any share of any actuarial deficiency payments under Article 26 of the Regulations of the Fund. Such deficiency payments are only payable if and when the United Nations General Assembly has invoked the provision of Article 26, following determination that there is a requirement for deficiency payments based on an assessment of the actuarial sufficiency of the Fund as of the valuation date. At the time of this report, the United Nations General Assembly has not invoked this provision.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Please refer to Programme Coordinating Board document (UNAIDS/PCB(28)/5.2, page 5, paragraph number 11.

Note 1.7 to the financial statements for the year 1 January to 31 December 2010 states:

<sup>&</sup>quot;Employee benefits are recognized as expense on an accrual basis. Similarly, terminal payments to staff members, including repatriation grant, accrued annual leave, repatriation travel and removal on repatriation, are expensed on an accrual basis. As per actuarial valuations, the current accruals for employee benefits are not sufficient to cover all future costs."

### 24. Post employment benefits - after service health insurance (ASHI)

UNAIDS staff are covered by the WHO's Staff Health Insurance (SHI). Revenue to this fund consists of contributions by both active and retired staff (of which one-third is paid by participants and two-thirds by the Programme), as well as interest earned on investments. Under IPSAS, the present value of the Programme's contributions for retired staff needs to be accrued during the time they are in active service. As disclosed in note 4.11 to the Financial Statements for the year 1 January to 31 December 2010, the latest actuarial calculation as at 31 December 2010 estimates the full liability for UNAIDS to be US\$ 64.3 million. The net unfunded liability is US\$ 39.3 million (i.e. US\$ 64.3 million less plan assets specific to UNAIDS of US\$ 25.0 million).

### 25. Other long term employee benefits

UNAIDS has no long term employee benefits that fall in this category and which are not already accrued in the accounts.

#### 26. Termination benefits

On termination of their contracts, eligible staff members are entitled to certain terminal benefits and, in particular, repatriation grants, repatriation removal and repatriation travel. The latest actuarial calculation shows the required accrual for such terminal benefits to be US\$ 8.9 million of which US\$ 3.5 million is already provided, leaving an under provision of US\$ 5.4 million.

27. Therefore, in order to be compliant with IPSAS 25, UNAIDS would have required an additional amount of US\$ 50.2 million as at 31 December 2010, summarized as follows:

Employee Benefit	Accrued Actuarial requirement end 2010 end 2010		Under provision	
	(in million's of US \$)	(in million's of US \$)	(in million's of US \$)	
Annual Leave	3.7	9.2	5.5	
ASHI	25.0	64.3	39.3	
Terminal Payments	3.5	8.9	5.4	
Total	32.2	82.4	50.2	

#### 28. Financial implications

To prepare IPSAS compliant financial statements, UNAIDS must disclose this shortfall of US\$ 50.2 million in its financial statements which will have implications on the net assets/equity of the Programme. For example, based on the 2010 Financial Statements, the net assets/equity would have been US\$ 297.3 million instead of US\$ 347.5 million<sup>5</sup>.

- 29. IPSAS does not require the funding of employee liabilities and only requires the recognition, measurement and disclosure. However, the Executive Director considers it judicious to fully fund these liabilities in order to avoid the possibility of available resources being depleted which could result in UNAIDS being forced to request contributions to cover the shortfall in staff entitlements. For prudent financial management, the Executive Director proposes to cover these liabilities from the fund balance and to fund an initial amount of US\$ 20 million in 2011, with the remaining shortfall of US\$ 30.2 million to be covered in equal yearly amounts over a period of 5 years or less depending on the availability of funds.
- 30. It should be noted that UNAIDS will obtain updated actuarial calculations on an annual basis to ensure the most accurate estimates of its liabilities which will be used in the IPSAS compliant

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Statement III of the 2010 Unaudited Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2010 refers.

financial statements. These estimates may vary as circumstances, or actuarial basis, change. For example, the current estimates do not include any liability to UNAIDS arising from the transfer of UNAIDS staff at country and regional level presently on UNDP contracts who will be transferred to UNAIDS contracts during this year in line with the decision to move to a single administrative system.

- 31. Having reviewed the proposal of the Executive Director related to employee benefits and employee liabilities, the Programme Coordinating Board is requested to:
  - a) Take note of the report of the Executive Director on provisions for employee benefits under IPSAS;
  - b) Endorse the Executive Director's recommendation to fully fund the organizational liabilities for employees from the fund balance:
  - c) Approve the funding of an initial amount of US\$ 20 million from the fund balance; and
  - d) Authorize the remaining shortfall of US\$ 30.2 million<sup>6</sup> to be covered from the fund balance over a period of five years or less, subject to availability of funds.

### **BUILDING RENOVATION FUND**

- 32. At its 12th meeting in May 2004, the Programme Coordinating Board endorsed UNAIDS' negotiation of a direct loan with the Swiss Confederation for the construction of a new building in Geneva for the UNAIDS' Secretariat and the World Health Organization (WHO) at an estimated cost of CHF 66.0 million, of which UNAIDS' share was 50 per cent or CHF 33.0 million. In December 2003, the Swiss Confederation agreed to provide an interest-free loan of CHF 59.8 million, of which UNAIDS' share is CHF 29.9 million. The repayment over a 50-year period of UNAIDS' share of the interest-free loan provided by the Swiss Confederation is made through the reallocation of funds otherwise expended on the rental of office space with effect from the first year of the completion of the building.
- 33. The building was completed in November 2006 at a cost to UNAIDS of US\$ 25.6 million which represents its 50 per cent share.
- 34. While the building is currently in good condition, no provision has been made for major repairs and renovations that are habitually required over time for the good management of real estate. Indeed, other organizations in the UN system have major problems for maintaining their buildings and especially the financing thereof.
- 35. The Executive Director considers that for good prudent financial management a portion of the fund balance should be set aside and held in reserve for future major repairs that will most certainly be required in the future. The establishment of such a fund would spread out the expenditure and ensure that a sizeable amount would be available without having a negative impact on programme implementation at that time. The amount to be set aside would be determined by the Programme Coordinating Board according to requirements at any given moment. However, to meet the cost of major repairs, an initial amount at least equivalent to the probable depreciation of the building of 2 per cent (i.e., a 50 year life) since November 2006 when it was first put into service is recommended. This would give an amount in reserve of approximately US\$ 2.6 million at the end of 2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Plus the anticipated shortfall arising from staff contracts being converted from UNDP to UNAIDS which is estimated to be between US\$ 6 to US\$ 8 million

- **36.** Having reviewed the proposal of the Executive Director, **the Programme Coordinating Board is requested to:** 
  - a) Endorse the establishment of a Building Renovation Fund in the amount of US\$ 2.6 million;
  - b) Approve replenishment of the Fund on an annual basis out of the fund balance for the amount of depreciation accumulated to the UNAIDS' buildings or such other amount as might be determined from time to time by the Programme Coordinating Board; and
  - c) Authorize the Executive Director to use the Fund to meet the costs of major repairs of, alterations to, or investments in, UNAIDS' office buildings and report on such use of the Fund to the Programme Coordinating Board.
- 37. The Programme Coordinating Board is requested to take note of the information contained in the Interim Financial Management Update for the 2010-2011 biennium for the period 1 January 2010 to 31 March 2011 and encourage donor governments and others to release their contributions towards the 2010-2011 Unified Budget and Workplan as soon as possible.
- 38. Furthermore, the Programme Coordinating Board is requested to approve the Executive Director's proposal concerning the utilization of a portion of the fund balance to fund staff liabilities and to establish a Building Renovation Fund.

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