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Election of Officers

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Action required at this meeting - the Programme Coordinating Board is invited to:
elect officers for the period 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009 and to approve the PCB
NGO Delegation.

Cost implications for decisions: *none*

INTRODUCTION

1. The 20th Programme Coordinating Board held in June 2007 adopted a number of decisions designed to strengthen the Board's effectiveness. Decision 10.o states that in order to "*synchronize with the ECOSOC process, the Chair/Vice-Chair will be elected for one calendar year, starting the term on 1 January of each year.*" This decision created an anomaly whereby, as explained in the document supporting this decision, the Chair and Vice Chair elected in 2008 would need to serve for two years (2008-2009) rather than just one, in order to align the Programme Coordinating Board and ECOSOC election calendars.
2. The United States of America has announced its intention to step down as Programme Coordinating Board Chair effective 31 December 2008. In accordance with the Board's Modus Operandi and relevant Board decisions, the Programme Coordinating Board would be expected to follow past tradition and elect the current Vice Chair, Ethiopia, to the position of Chair for a term starting on January 1, 2009. As a result, this meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board must elect a Vice Chair for a term starting on January 1, 2009.
3. Under agenda item "*6.1 Implementation of previous PCB decisions*", the Board will consider changes to the Modus Operandi to reflect decisions taken at its 20th meeting. Under the provisions of the Modus Operandi as it currently stands the following Member States will be eligible for election as an officer of the Board on the basis that they are members of the Board at the time of election on 17 December 2008 (countries shown in bold are due to come off the Board on 1 January 2009 so should not be considered for election):
 1. **Congo, Democratic Republic**
 2. Denmark
 3. El Salvador
 4. Ethiopia (will become Chair)
 5. **Grenada**
 6. Guatemala
 7. India
 8. Iran
 9. Ireland
 10. Japan
 11. **Luxembourg**
 12. Mauritania
 13. **Monaco**
 14. Myanmar
 15. **New Zealand**
 16. Russian Federation
 17. Senegal
 18. Slovakia
 19. Switzerland
 20. Thailand
 21. United States of America
 22. Zambia
4. However, should the Programme Coordinating Board decide to amend the Modus Operandi as proposed in document UNAIDS/PCB(23)/08.24 the following Member States will be eligible for election by virtue of the fact they will be members of the Board as of 1 January 2009 when the term of office will begin (new members are shown in bold):

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| 1. Brazil | 12. Mauritania |
| 2. Congo | 13. Myanmar |
| 3. Denmark | 14. Netherlands |
| 4. El Salvador | 15. Russian Federation |
| 5. Ethiopia (will become Chair) | 16. Senegal |
| 6. France | 17. Slovakia |
| 7. Guatemala | 18. Switzerland |
| 8. India | 19. Thailand |
| 9. Iran | 20. Turkey |
| 10. Ireland | 21. United States of America |
| 11. Japan | 22. Zambia |

5. Although the position of rapporteur was not mentioned specifically in the decision of the 20th Programme Coordinating Board, it would seem logical to align the terms of office of all three officers of the Board (chair, vice-chair and rapporteur). Therefore, like the chair and vice-chair, it should be understood that Guatemala was elected rapporteur for 2008 and 2009.
6. Finally the attention of the Programme Coordinating Board is drawn to paragraph 21 of the Modus Operandi which states that: *“Officers will be elected taking into account a fair geographical distribution.”*
7. Under this item, in accordance with paragraph 2b of the Annex of ECOSOC Resolution 1995/2:

“(b) The process of identification of the non-governmental organizations that sought to participate in the work of the Board would be determined by the non-governmental organizations themselves. The Board would formally approve the nomination of those organizations;”

Therefore, the Programme Coordinating Board is also requested to approve the new members of the PCB NGO Delegation for 2009 as follows:

North America:

- Alexandra Garita, International Planned Parenthood Federation, Western Hemisphere Region (IPPF, WHR)
- Dr. Evan Collins, Ontario HIV Treatment Network (OHTN)

Africa: Dr. Lydia Mungherera, TASO (The Aids Support Organization) Uganda

Latin America and Caribbean: Dr. Robert Carr (Jamaica) Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition

8. **The Programme Coordinating Board is invited to elect officers for the period 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009 and to approve the NGO Delegation.**