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DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

Agenda item 2 - Consideration of the report of the second meeting

1. The PCB adopted the report of its second meeting (UNAIDS/PCB(2)/95.7), held on 13-15 November 1995.

Agenda item 4 - Workplan for UNAIDS

2. The PCB commended the Secretariat on the quality of the UNAIDS workplan for 1996-1997 as set out in document UNAIDS/PCB(3)/96.3, which was prepared in a short period of time.
3. The PCB endorsed the broad strategic orientations of the workplan and welcomed the cross-cutting emphasis on human rights, gender, young people and greater involvement of people living with HIV and AIDS.
4. The PCB encouraged that further prioritization of the workplan be undertaken by the Secretariat, in concert with a more detailed elaboration of the workplans of the respective cosponsors and reference to a timeframe. The PCB also recommended that additional emphasis be placed on clarifying the specific roles and responsibilities of the cosponsors, the Secretariat, and other partners in a more integrated workplan.
5. The PCB requested more explicit linkage between programme objectives, workplan activities, and the performance assessment plan.

Agenda item 5 - Update on UNAIDS at country level

6. The PCB acknowledged the considerable progress achieved since the last PCB meeting, as reflected in document UNAIDS/PCB(3)/96.4.

7. Given the global nature of the epidemic, the PCB emphasized the importance for UNAIDS to ensure a global response. However, recognizing the limited resources and the large number of countries requiring support, the need for some prioritization in financial support was acknowledged. The Secretariat was therefore requested to prepare criteria for such prioritization, to be discussed at the next meeting of the PCB.
8. The Secretariat was requested to enhance its activities in the areas of access to antiretroviral drugs, drugs for associated conditions, and to care.
9. Recognizing the need to better understand the functioning of Theme Groups at country level, the PCB requested the Secretariat to present sample case studies based on experience of Theme Groups. It also suggested that representatives from the Theme Groups participate in this presentation.

Agenda item 6 - Report of the PCB working group on indicators and evaluation

10. The PCB commended the working group on the quality of the work carried out as presented in document UNAIDS/PCB(3)/96.5 Rev.1, and endorsed the recommendations contained therein. The PCB recommended that the Chair of the PCB working group on indicators and evaluation liaise with CCO members and UNAIDS to facilitate the development of the UNAIDS performance assessment plan. The Board looked forward to receiving the performance assessment plan for consideration at its next meeting.

Agenda item 7 - Report of the PCB working group on resource mobilization

11. The PCB welcomed the work carried out so far by the working group on resource mobilization, as reflected in document UNAIDS/PCB(3)/96.6, and strongly encouraged the continuation of its efforts.
12. The Board also encouraged contributions to UNAIDS by non-traditional donors.

Agenda item 8 - Method of work of the PCB (UNAIDS/PCB(3)/96.7)

13. The PCB welcomed the PCB Headlines and recommended their broader distribution. PCB members were also encouraged to assist in distributing them to the countries within their regions.
14. It was confirmed that one regular meeting of the PCB, as envisaged in the *modus operandi* of the PCB, would be held every year. In addition, annual thematic meetings could also be convened on an *ad hoc* basis, bearing in mind the cost of each Board meeting.
15. Given the limited duration of PCB meetings, the Secretariat was urged, in consultation with the Chairperson and the CCO, to propose a limited and focused agenda for the PCB's regular meetings.
16. The Secretariat was requested to provide more detailed reports of PCB meetings in order to better reflect the discussions.

17. The PCB welcomed replication of the PCB working group mechanism established in the areas of indicators and evaluation, and resource mobilization, and recommended broader consultation between working group members and those unable to formally participate.

Agenda item 9 - Financial and budgetary update

18. The PCB took note of the financial update for 1995 and for 1996-1997, as at 31 May 1996 (contained in document UNAIDS/PCB(3)/96.8 and its addendum). It requested that in future financial reports, the overhead costs and other programme delivery and associated costs be presented separately, and that this also include staff costs as distinct expenditures, while at the same time taking steps to develop a results-based budget for 1998-1999.
19. The PCB took note of the precarious cash flow situation that faces UNAIDS at the beginning of each year. It recommended that, as soon as possible, UNAIDS should establish a working capital fund. This fund in the first instance would be constituted by the funds carried over from the 1995 balance forward and the WHO/GPA carryover, in order to ensure that the necessary funds would be available at the beginning of each year, pending the receipt of contributions.

Agenda item 10 - Measures to reduce administrative costs

20. The PCB took note of the report prepared by UNAIDS at its request (UNAIDS/PCB(3)/96.9). The PCB acknowledged the importance of maintaining UNAIDS' momentum in developing and implementing the Programme. While acknowledging the generous offer of the city of Lyon, it decided that UNAIDS should remain in the Geneva area.
21. It welcomed the reduction in the rent by WHO and the offer of the Government of Switzerland to assist the Programme reduce rental costs, and encouraged the Secretariat to continue its efforts to reduce costs in every possible way.

Agenda item 11 - Joint plan of cosponsors' activities for 1996-1997

22. The PCB welcomed the Coordinated Appeal for supplemental funded activities, noting the major progress achieved by the cosponsors and UNAIDS in establishing the processes required to develop it.
23. The PCB reiterated the importance that further progress be made as soon as possible to develop an integrated workplan among UNAIDS and its cosponsors. It also emphasized the need to distinguish: (i) the activities included within the UNAIDS workplan and budget; (ii) those activities in the UNAIDS workplan to be implemented by cosponsors or other organizations; (iii) HIV/AIDS-related activities of the cosponsors, which will be funded from their core budgets; and (iv) HIV/AIDS-related activities of the cosponsors, which will require supplemental funding and are included in the Coordinated Appeal.

Agenda item 12 - Report to the 1996 ECOSOC substantive session

24. The PCB took note of the report E/1996/42 on the status of implementation of UNAIDS, which has been prepared for consideration at the 1996 substantive session of ECOSOC,

and noted that the oral report to be made by the UNAIDS' Executive Director will make reference to cosponsors' activities.

Agenda item 13 - Next PCB meeting

25. It was agreed that the next meeting of the PCB would take place in the first quarter of 1997 and that UNAIDS would propose dates for consideration by the PCB members.