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**Virtual Special Session of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board
Geneva, Switzerland**

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Decisions

The UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board,

Recalling that all aspects of UNAIDS work are directed by the following guiding principles:

- Aligned to national stakeholders' priorities;
- Based on the meaningful and measurable involvement of civil society, especially people living with HIV and populations most at risk of HIV infection;
- Based on human rights and gender equality;
- Based on the best available scientific evidence and technical knowledge;
- Promoting comprehensive responses to AIDS that integrate prevention, treatment, care and support; and
- Based on the principle of non-discrimination;

Intersessional Decisions:

Recalling that, it has decided through the intersessional procedure (see decisions in UNAIDS/PCB(58)/26.3:

- *Agree* that the 58th PCB meeting will be held in-person with optional online participation in accordance with the modalities and rules of procedure set out in the paper, Modalities and Procedures for the 2026 PCB meetings;
- *Agree* that the Special Session of the PCB foreseen in decision point 7.3 from the 57th PCB meeting will be held virtually in accordance with the modalities and rules of procedure set out in the paper, Modalities and Procedures for the 2026 PCB meetings;
- *Agree* that the 59th PCB meeting will be held virtually in accordance with the modalities and rules of procedure set out in the paper, Modalities and Procedures for the 2026 PCB meetings, on 8-11 December 2026, superseding decision point 9.3 of the 53rd PCB meeting;

Agenda item 1.1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. *Adopts* the agenda;

Agenda item 1.2: Consideration of the report of the 58th PCB meeting

2. *Adopts* the report of the 58th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board;

Agenda item 2: Final report and plan of the PCB Working Group on the further transition and integration of UNAIDS into the UN System and beyond

- 3.1 *Takes note*, with appreciation, of the final report of the PCB Working Group on the further transition and integration of UNAIDS into the UN System and beyond (UNAIDS/PCB/(EM)/6.2), *approves* the overall strategic direction for the transition of UNAIDS set out in the report and *requests* the PCB Chair to transmit it, including the decisions of the Board related to it, to ECOSOC;
- 3.2 *Requests* the Executive Director to establish a Transition Task Team composed of Secretariat and Cosponsor representatives nominated by their respective agencies and two community representatives nominated by the PCB NGO delegation, which will work in close collaboration with implementing countries and in consultation with key Joint Programme stakeholders, and will be accountable to the PCB for the delivery of the implementation plan, throughout the transition process;
- 3.3 *Requests* the Executive Director to submit the transition Task Team's fully costed implementation plan, with detailed costing of different scenarios including one based on available core resources, in line with the criteria mentioned in the final report of the Working Group, with an initial proposal to be submitted at the 59th PCB meeting, and a final plan to be submitted for intersessional decision-making by end of Q1 2027;
- 3.4 *Requests* the Executive Director to provide an update at the 60th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board on actions to support the role of communities and civil society organizations and their participation in accountability mechanisms throughout the transition process, ensuring that community accountability remains an integral part of the broader transition plan;
- 3.5 *Requests* the PCB Bureau to immediately initiate the preparations for the selection process for the next UNAIDS Joint Programme Executive Director, based on the lessons learned from the previous selection processes, as reflected in document UNAIDS/PCB (45)/19.31 rev1, and submit the Terms of Reference for the Search Committee for the nomination of the UNAIDS Joint Programme Executive Director at the 59th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board;
- 3.6 *Requests* the PCB Bureau to prepare the Terms of Reference for the UNAIDS Joint Programme Executive Director and present these Terms of Reference for intersessional approval by the Programme Coordinating Board before 1 February 2027;

Agenda item 3: Workplan and Budget 2027

- 4.1 *Approves* the 2027 Workplan and Budget, including the simplified performance reporting for 2027 (UNAIDS/PCB(EM)/6.3);
- 4.2 *Requests* the Executive Director, immediately after the consideration by the Programme Coordinating Board at the 59th PCB meeting of the initial proposal prepared by the Transition Task Team and adoption of any resulting decisions, to provide the Board with a revised 2027 Workplan and Budget, for intersessional decision-making;
- 4.3 *Encourages* governments to make multiyear commitments and to release, as soon as possible, their annual contributions towards the 2027 Workplan and Budget;
- 4.4 *Appreciates* donors who have already contributed to the 2026 Workplan and Budget and *encourages* governments who are still to contribute to release, as soon as possible, their contributions towards the 2026 budget.

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