

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 15 October 2007

Present: Prangtip Kanchanahattakij (Thailand), David Hohman (USA), Mamadou Seck (Senegal), Paul Spiegel and Gebrewold Petros (UNHCR, representing Cosponsors), Zonnibel Woods (IWHC, representing PCB NGOs) joined by telephone.

UNAIDS Secretariat: Helena Eversole (Director, Resource Management), Helen Frary (PER/BUR), Eddy Beck (EMP), Desmond Whyms (CCU), and Jacek Tyszko (PER/BUR).

Consultant for the Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS: Manuel Carballo

Meeting's agenda:

1. Preparations for the 21st PCB meeting
2. Dates and venue for the 22nd PCB meeting
3. Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS
4. Oversight of implementation of GTT recommendations
5. Other Business

1. Preparations for the 21st PCB meeting

The Bureau discussed the content of the draft provisional agenda for the 21st PCB meeting and the timeframe for consideration of different agenda items. Final adjustments were proposed, including a new agenda item to provide a progress report on GIST and the Board will receive a progress report on the MoU between UNAIDS and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, instead of approving the MoU. The Bureau agreed to approve the draft by 16 October 2007 through a silent procedure. After translation into French, the agenda will be disseminated to all PCB constituencies and posted on the UNAIDS web site.

2. Dates and venue for the 22nd PCB meeting

In light of problems with identifying a venue in Geneva on 7-9 May 2008 for the 22nd PCB meeting, the Bureau decided to move the dates of the said PCB meeting to 23-25 April 2008. With respect to venues outside of Geneva, the Bureau noted the interest of Thailand and Ukraine to host the PCB and postponed the discussion to its next meeting.

3. Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS

The Bureau received an update on the status of consultations on the Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS (SIE), including: emerging priorities, methodological issues and the timeframe for the PCB background paper on the issue. The consultants

for the SIE will in coming days conclude the program of interviews and prepare a first draft of the paper, which is to be shared for comments with all PCB constituencies on Monday, 22 October 2007. The Permanent Mission briefing on 25 October 2007 will include a discussion on this item. Final version of the document will be shared with the PCB Bureau on Monday, 29 October 2007.

4. Oversight of implementation of GTT recommendations

The Bureau was updated on progress on the follow-up to the GTT Independent Assessment. Following the agreement of the GTT Oversight Reference Group (with the exception of the NGO representative who is yet to be nominated) the Terms of Reference were re-circulated on September 28th and comments were received from Norway, France and Monaco. The Secretariat was asked to incorporate these comments into the current draft TORs in order to prepare for the first meeting of the Group, which is expected to be held by early November.

The Secretariat was also requested to re-send the request to the NGO representative for the nomination of the NGO member of the reference group.

The UNAIDS management response has been circulated and commented upon by the Global Coordinators, and shared for information with the Reference Group. The Global Coordinators will discuss this on October 16th, with a view to finalising it at their meeting in New York the following week.

5. Other Business

Next meetings: 1 November 2007 and 28 November 2007 both at 16h00 hrs.