

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 2 March 2007

Present: Annika Molin-Hellgren (Sweden), Prangtip Kanchanahattakij (Thailand), Geoff Adlide (Australia), Robin Jackson* (WFP, representing Cosponsors), Rachel Ong* (APN+, representing PCB NGOs)

UNAIDS Secretariat: Debbie Landey (Deputy Executive Director), Eamonn Murphy (Director, CER), Helen Frary (Chief, ERG/CER), Jacek Tyszko (External Relations Officer, ERG/CER)

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Meeting agenda:

1. Status of preparations for the 20th PCB meeting
2. Other Business
 - 2.1 Unified Budget and Workplan 2008-2009 consultation process
 - 2.2 PCB NGOs elections
 - 2.3 Consultation process for the Sweden/Thailand paper on UNAIDS governance reform

1. Status of preparations for the 20th PCB meeting

The Secretariat presented a revised draft provisional agenda for the 20th PCB meeting based on feedback received during the previous meeting of the Bureau, and inputs provided by the UNAIDS Secretariat Senior Management Team. The Bureau discussed the content of the agenda and the timeframe for consideration of different agenda items. Several adjustments were proposed and the draft was adopted. After translation into French the agenda will be disseminated to all PCB constituencies and posted on the UNAIDS web site.

2. Other Business

2.1 Debbie Landey and Robin Jackson presented information on the process for the preparation of the UBW 2008-2009, including: the outcomes of the Cosponsors peer review meeting of 28 February – 1 March 2007; the process of finalization of the UBW document for the PCB; and a proposed information process on the draft document prior to the PCB. Such a process would include briefings on the content of the UBW for permanent missions in Geneva and PCB NGOs, and follow-up, if necessary. The same process was applied in the past.

The Bureau reiterated that the process should be open to all constituencies (including NGOs and observer states), transparent and should start as soon as possible, preferably by

the end of March/beginning of April. The Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations endorsement of the UBW 2008-2009 is scheduled for 19 April 2007. A final draft should be ready by 26 April 2007. The Bureau observed that the preparation of the UNAIDS UBW was different to that of other UN organizations in that it represented the consolidated workplan of the 10 Cosponsoring Organizations as well as the Secretariat. It was also observed that, contrary to other UN organizations, the funding of the UNAIDS budget relies exclusively on voluntary contributions. Furthermore, the Bureau noted that the documentation will be issued in late April. The Bureau discussed whether this was sufficient time for constituencies to consult with their capitals and constituents, and if there is a need to improve UBW process in the future with regard to outreach and early consultations vis-à-vis constituencies.

2.2 Rachel Ong informed the Bureau about the selection process of the PCB NGO representatives, which might be delayed this year beyond the June PCB meeting because of a new much wider consultation process within regional NGO networks.

3.3 Annika Molin-Hellgren and Prangtip Kanchanahattakij provided an update on progress in preparation of the consultation paper related to UNAIDS governance reform in follow-up to the 19th PCB meeting decision on strengthening global coordination on AIDS. A timeframe for consultations with all PCB constituencies was being prepared and a UNAIDS special web page and email account will be established to facilitate this process.