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Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem

Promoting coordination and alignment of decisions between the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The present note has been prepared pursuant to Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 51/14, entitled “Promoting coordination and alignment of decisions between the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS”. In that resolution, the Commission called for collaboration among Member States represented both in the Commission and on the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) towards the promotion of better coordination and alignment of the HIV/AIDS response in order to scale up towards the goal of universal access to comprehensive prevention, care, treatment and support services for drug users; requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to share relevant decisions of the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS with the Member States at each session of the Commission held in the first half of the year, starting with the fifty-second session; and requested UNODC to transmit relevant

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resolutions of the Commission each year to the Chair of the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS.

II. Promoting the sharing of decisions and resolutions among Member States represented both in the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and on the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

2. Relevant resolutions of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission were transmitted to the Chair of the Programme Coordinating Board on 28 June 2011. Attention was drawn in particular to resolution 54/9, entitled “Improving quality and building monitoring capacity for the collection, reporting and analysis of data on the world drug problem and policy responses to it”, and resolution 54/13, entitled “Achieving zero new infections of HIV among injecting and other drug users”.

3. The Programme Coordinating Board, at its twenty-eighth meeting, held in Geneva from 21 to 23 June 2011, recalled that all aspects of UNAIDS work were directed by the following guiding principles: (a) they should be aligned to national stakeholders’ priorities; (b) they should be based on the meaningful and measurable involvement of civil society, especially people living with HIV and populations most at risk of HIV infection; (c) they should be based on human rights and gender equality; (d) they should be based on the best available scientific evidence and technical knowledge; (e) they should promote comprehensive responses to AIDS that integrate prevention, treatment, care and support; and (f) they should be based on the principle of non-discrimination.

4. At its twenty-eighth meeting, the Programme Coordinating Board discussed and made decisions, recommendations and conclusions with regard to, inter alia, agenda item 3, entitled “Gender-sensitivity of AIDS responses”. The Programme Coordinating Board took note of the report recognizing that further monitoring of implementation of the UNAIDS Agenda for Accelerated Country Action on Women, Girls, Gender Equality and HIV would be carried out in coordination with Member States, and with the participation of women living with HIV and of civil society, and reported to the Programme Coordinating Board through the Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework. The Programme Coordinating Board also requested a mid-term review of implementation of the Agenda in December 2012, with indicators specifically designed to measure country action on women and girls in the HIV response.

5. Also at its twenty-eighth meeting, the Programme Coordinating Board, with regard to agenda item 4, entitled “Support mechanisms for African States”, took note of the report on support mechanisms for African States and requested the UNAIDS secretariat to strengthen its efforts to provide support to African States.

6. With regard to agenda item 6, entitled “Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework 2012-2015”, the Programme Coordinating Board approved the 2012-2015 Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework in accordance with the recommendation of the Programme Coordinating Board subcommittee on the formulation of the 2012-2015 Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework, and taking into account the views and recommendations

expressed by the Board. The Board also approved US\$ 485 million as the core budget for 2012-2013 and the proposed allocation between the 10 co-sponsors and the UNAIDS secretariat, and decided that the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: Intensifying Our Efforts to Eliminate HIV and AIDS (General Assembly resolution 65/277, annex), adopted on 10 June 2011, served as a key reference in implementing the Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework. The Programme Coordinating Board also requested UNAIDS to provide more explicit reporting on resourcing and engagement of civil society, supported with indicators and clear reporting from the secretariat and co-sponsors within the Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework, and urged all constituencies to use the UNAIDS 2012-2015 Results and Accountability Framework to meet their reporting needs.

7. Pursuant to Commission resolution 51/14, the decisions, recommendations and conclusions adopted by the Programme Coordinating Board at its twenty-eighth meeting will be made available to the Commission at its fifty-fifth session.
