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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: demand
reduction and related measures****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***Summary*

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 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 resolutions of the Commission each year to the Chair of the Programme Coordinating Board. The present note provides information on the relevant decisions of the Programme Coordinating Board at its thirty-eighth meeting, held in Geneva from 28 to 30 June 2016, and its thirty-ninth meeting, held in Geneva from 6 to 8 December 2016.

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I. 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

1. The Programme Coordinating Board, at its thirty-eighth meeting, held in Geneva from 28 to 30 June 2016, and at its thirty-ninth meeting, held in Geneva from 6 to 8 December 2016, recalled that all aspects of the work of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) were directed by the following guiding principles: they should be aligned with national stakeholders' priorities; 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; they should be based on human rights and gender equality; they should be based on the best available scientific evidence and technical knowledge; they should promote comprehensive responses to AIDS that integrate prevention, treatment, care and support; and they should be based on the principle of non-discrimination.¹

2. At its thirty-eighth meeting, the Programme Coordinating Board discussed and arrived at decisions, recommendations and conclusions with regard to, inter alia, the item of its agenda entitled "Follow-up to the thematic segment from the thirty-seventh Programme Coordinating Board meeting". The Board recognized that the Fast-Track strategy required accelerated action, focus, front-loading of resources and innovation in service delivery, financing and partnerships. Continued international and increased domestic support was therefore critical to achieving the ambitious Fast-Track goals by 2020 and ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030. The Board encouraged Member States to base resource allocation on good-quality and more granular data; continue strengthening data systems to eliminate inefficiencies; reallocate existing resources based on a population and location approach; and accelerate actions regarding resource mobilization, efficiency gains, universal health coverage and social protection, human resources for health, technology transfer and capacity-building to fill the existing funding gap in order to gain control of the epidemic. The Board requested the Joint Programme to, inter alia, further support Member States and civil society organizations in maximizing the use of available resources and exploring and implementing innovative financing options. The Board further requested the Joint Programme to support countries in the strengthening of systems for health, incorporating the public sector, private sector and local communities in the response, and to explore innovative service delivery options.

3. At the same meeting, under the item on its agenda entitled "Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework (UBRAF)", with regard to performance reporting, the Programme Coordinating Board, inter alia, encouraged the further strengthening of performance reporting with independent evaluation and validation and urged all constituencies to contribute to efforts to strengthen performance reporting and use the annual performance monitoring reports of UNAIDS to meet their reporting needs.

4. Under the same item on its agenda, with regard to financial reporting, the Programme Coordinating Board, inter alia, encouraged donor Governments to make multi-year contributions and release those contributions allocated to the 2016-2021 Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework as soon as possible. Furthermore, with regard to resource mobilization, the Board reaffirmed its full support of UNAIDS and the unique and innovative nature of the Joint Programme,

¹ The decisions, recommendations and conclusions of the Programme Coordinating Board at its meetings are available at www.unaids.org.

which has been key to reaching unprecedented results in the AIDS response and has promoted coordination and coherence system-wide within the United Nations on a critical cross-cutting issue, including the delivery of critical technical assistance in improving the efficiency of national and global HIV investments. The Board also recognized the urgency of the current financial situation of UNAIDS and reaffirmed the shared responsibility of finding both short- and medium-term solutions to avoid negative consequences in the implementation of the UNAIDS 2016-2021 Fast-Track Strategy and the 2016 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: On the Fast-Track to Accelerating the Fight against HIV and to Ending the AIDS Epidemic by 2030, including country-level delivery. The Board also urged donor countries to maintain and, where possible, to increase their contributions to UNAIDS, particularly in funding the core budget, in the context of their overall investment in tackling the epidemic.

5. Also under the item on its agenda entitled “Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework (UBRAF)”, with regard to 2017 resource allocation, the Programme Coordinating Board recalled the extraordinary financial situation of UNAIDS and the critical need to find solutions to protect the core competencies of the Joint Programme in the current biennium and decided that, if the 2016 budgetary shortfalls were to persist in 2017, the Executive Director, on an exceptional basis, would be requested to base the allocation of resources in 2017 on the following criteria:

(a) Decision 6.8 from the thirty-seventh meeting of the Board, which noted the need for the UNAIDS secretariat to be sufficiently funded and encouraged co-sponsors to strengthen their own resource mobilization efforts in support of the Joint Programme;

(b) The amount provided to co-sponsors should amount to a minimum threshold of 15 per cent of funds mobilized against the Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework, with a guarantee of no less than \$1.5 million to each co-sponsor;

(c) Above that minimum threshold, funds should be provided to the co-sponsors, taking into consideration the co-sponsors which have a high share of HIV spending accounted for by the Joint Programme and are most at risk of being unable to maintain critical core functions, which would have a disproportionate negative effect on the ability of the Joint Programme to implement the 2016-2021 Strategy.

6. Also under the item on its agenda entitled “Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework (UBRAF)”, with regard to medium-term funding, the Programme Coordinating Board requested the Joint Programme to better define its critical core functions, as well as the criteria for the differentiated allocation of resources within the Joint Programme, for presentation at the fortieth meeting of the Board. The Board also requested the Joint Programme to present a 2018-2019 budget that details the different sources of financing, including co-sponsor core financing, and provides a strong link between resources and results. With regard to the revised 2016-2021 Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework, the Board recalled decisions 6.1 and 6.2 of the thirty-seventh meeting of the Board, which (a) approved the 2016-2021 Framework, with \$485 million as the core budget for 2016-2017 and the budget and allocations of the co-sponsors and the secretariat; (b) approved the final, prioritized and more detailed 2016-2021 Framework based on the recommendations of the working group of the Board; (c) requested the secretariat to inform the thirty-ninth meeting of the Board on the continued work to refine the Framework, taking into account the targets set in the 2016 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS, and to consider using diverse and geographically balanced external expertise as appropriate; and requested the Joint Programme to provide more information in future reports on how the co-sponsors use the core funding of the Framework and what results have been achieved.

7. At its thirty-ninth meeting, under the item on its agenda entitled “Updated gap analysis on paediatric HIV prevention, treatment, care and support”, the Programme Coordinating Board, *inter alia*, called on the Joint Programme to support countries in their efforts to eliminate mother-to-child HIV transmission and achieve WHO certification to that effect.

8. Also at the same meeting, under the item on its agenda entitled “Follow-up to the thematic segment of the 38th Programme Coordinating Board meeting: The role of communities in ending AIDS by 2030”, the Programme Coordinating Board, *inter alia*, encouraged Member States to identify, address and overcome regulatory and cultural barriers to the effective involvement of civil society. The Board also encouraged Member States to (a) ensure the meaningful inclusion of civil society, including people living with HIV and other key populations, young people and women at all levels of planning, and (b) make use of national and donor policy and programming frameworks, to ensure full involvement, quality participation and influence of civil society in the design, implementation and evaluation of policies and programmes. The Board further encouraged States to systematically and strategically include community-based social and health service delivery as part of their comprehensive systems for health.

9. Also at its thirty-ninth meeting, under the item on its agenda entitled “Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework (UBRAF)”, the Programme Coordinating Board, *inter alia*, agreed to the proposal of the Executive Director to provide the co-sponsors the same level of core Framework funds in 2017 as in 2016. The Board also requested the Executive Director and the Committee of Co-sponsoring Organizations to establish a review panel to make recommendations for a sustainable and fit-for-purpose Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS by revising and updating the operating model, in particular joint working, financing and accountability, and governance, and have the panel present its recommendations to the Committee; to include in the review panel members from the secretariat, the co-sponsors and members of the constituencies of the Board, as well as independent experts, and organize the review panel in a manner that allows for input from all relevant stakeholders, such as Member States, paying specific attention to balanced regional representation, civil society and people living with HIV and AIDS; to convene a multi-stakeholder consultation on potential revisions to the operating model before the end of April 2017, based on the recommendations of the review panel, with input from the Committee; and to present a revised operating model to the fortieth meeting of the Board for consideration and approval, taking into account the recommendations of the review panel.

10. Also at the same meeting under the item on its agenda entitled “Report by the non-governmental organization representative”, the Board, *inter alia*, recalling the 2016 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS, subparagraphs 60 (d) and 64 (a), called on Member States to readdress their investments in domestic funding mechanisms and systems to determine where barriers to funding community-led organizations exist, particularly funding for networks and organizations of people living with HIV and other key populations, including women and young people, and to further develop mechanisms that effectively and sustainably fund the community-led response.

11. Also at the same meeting, under the item on its agenda entitled “Election of officers”, the Programme Coordinating Board elected Ghana as Chair and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as Vice-Chair for the period 1 January to 31 December 2017, and approved the composition of the non-governmental organization delegation to the Board.