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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 document 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. Also in that resolution, the Commission 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 document contains information on relevant decisions made by the Programme Coordinating Board at its forty-first meeting, held in Geneva from 12 to 14 December 2017, and at its forty-second meeting, held in Geneva from 26 to 28 June 2018.

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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. At its forty-first meeting, held in Geneva from 12 to 14 December 2017, and at its forty-second meeting, held in Geneva from 26 to 28 June 2018, the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) recalled that all aspects of the work of 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 forty-first meeting, the Programme Coordinating Board discussed and arrived at decisions, recommendations and conclusions with regard to, inter alia, the agenda item on the follow-up to the thematic segment from the fortieth Programme Coordinating Board meeting. The Board encouraged Member States, stakeholders and partners to: (a) take bold and decisive actions to scale up prevention programmes and meet the agreed targets and commitments in the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: On the Fast Track to Accelerating the Fight against HIV and Ending AIDS Epidemic by 2030; and (b) set national prevention programme, financing and impact targets for 2020, alongside already established 90–90–90 treatment targets, in line with the UNAIDS Strategy 2016–2021 and the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS to create enabling legal, social and policy frameworks and rapidly scale up efforts to reach those targets. The Board requested the Joint Programme, inter alia, to support Member States, civil society and key populations in their efforts to strengthen and sustain, including through, as appropriate, the Global HIV Prevention Coalition, the global prevention agenda and make primary prevention a priority for the Joint Programme. Furthermore, the Board requested Member States and key donors to invest adequately in HIV prevention as part of a fully funded global response and to take concrete steps to ensure that, on average, no less than one quarter of HIV spending was invested in prevention programmes, as agreed to in the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS, to ensure adequate coverage of interventions to reach the stipulated targets.

3. At the same meeting, under the agenda item on the report on progress in the implementation of the Joint Programme Action Plan, the Board, inter alia, encouraged Member States and other stakeholders to make contributions towards the full funding of the core Unified Budget Results and Accountability Framework, in accordance with decisions 6.5 and 6.6 of the Programme Coordinating Board at its fortieth meeting, and additional contributions in line with the Joint Programme Strategic Resource Mobilization Plan.

4. Also at the same meeting, under the agenda item on the update on actions to reduce stigma and discrimination in all its forms, the Board, inter alia, requested the Joint Programme to support Member States and civil society in scaling up programmes to eliminate stigma and discrimination towards people living with HIV and key populations in the context of fast-tracking the HIV response and also requested the Joint Programme to support Member States and civil society in accelerating efforts to create enabling legal and social environments that promoted

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

non-discriminatory access to health services, employment, justice and education, including for key populations.

5. Also at its forty-first meeting, under the agenda item on the update on HIV in prisons and other closed settings, the Board recalled decision points 7.2 and 7.3 of the thirty-seventh Programme Coordinating Board meeting and, in line with the paragraphs of the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS on promoting laws, policies and practices to enable access to services and end HIV-related stigma and discrimination: (a) requested the Joint Programme to support Member States in collecting and analysing disaggregated data on health conditions and services in prisons, respecting the confidentiality of medical information; (b) also requested the Joint Programme to support Member States, communities, including civil society, and relevant stakeholders in enhancing coordinated rights-based, non-discriminatory and people-centred national responses that were tailored to addressing gender inequalities to improve the availability, accessibility, acceptability, continuity and quality of comprehensive prevention, treatment and care services for HIV and co-infections, for people in prisons and other closed settings,² including key populations, during their stay, at all stages of transfer and after release; and (c) further requested the Joint Programme to continue to support Member States in reviewing discriminatory laws, policies and practices that led to the disproportionate incarceration of people living with and most affected by HIV. Furthermore, the Board requested the Joint Programme to report on progress and concrete actions taken on that topic at a meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board in 2020.

6. At its forty-second meeting, under the agenda item on the Unified Budget Results and Accountability Framework, the Programme Coordinating Board, *inter alia*, urged all constituencies to contribute to efforts to strengthen performance reporting and use UNAIDS annual performance monitoring reports to meet their reporting needs, and requested the Joint Programme to continue to strengthen joint and collaborative action at the country level as part of United Nations reform efforts and the implementation of the revised operating model of UNAIDS.

7. At the same meeting, under the agenda item on the follow-up to the thematic segment from the forty-first Programme Coordinating Board meeting, the Board, *inter alia*, requested the Joint Programme to: (a) accelerate efforts to develop synergies and links with national, regional and global efforts to reduce discrimination in all its forms, including in health-care settings, and with efforts to achieve relevant Sustainable Development Goals and to leave no one behind in the achievement of those goals; (b) support Member States, civil society, networks of key populations and other partners, including national, regional and international human rights institutions and bodies, to integrate the measurement of discrimination in health-care settings into routine monitoring of the AIDS response and to consolidate and disseminate existing evidence on effective programmatic and policy responses to eliminate discrimination in health-care settings; and (c) strengthen collaboration with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and other funding mechanisms and donors to increase investments in programmes to reduce discrimination in health-care settings. The Board also called upon Member States and key donors to increase their investments to adequately address discrimination in health-care settings as part of a fully funded global HIV response.

² As defined in the “Update on HIV in prisons and other closed settings” (UNAIDS/PCB (41)/17.23).