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**Inter-agency cooperation and coordination of
efforts in addressing and countering 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***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-third meeting, held in Geneva from 11 to 13 December 2018, and at its forty-fourth meeting, held in Geneva from 25 to 27 June 2019, as well as at its special session, held in Geneva on 28 March 2019.

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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-third meeting, held in Geneva from 11 to 13 December 2018, and at its forty-fourth meeting, held in Geneva from 25 to 27 June 2019, as well as at its special session, held in Geneva on 28 March 2019, 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-third meeting, the Programme Coordinating Board discussed and arrived at decisions, recommendations and conclusions with regard to, inter alia, the agenda item on the report of the non-governmental organization representative. The Board called on the Joint Programme to support Member States, in partnership with communities and civil society organizations and other relevant partners, in accordance with national law, context and priorities, in order to, inter alia, contribute to the generation and improved availability of regional, national and local data on HIV and migration to improve the evidence base relative to the needs of mobile populations, and to review and adapt laws, policies and practices that prevent migrant and mobile populations, as well as refugees and crisis-affected populations, from accessing lifesaving treatment, with a particular focus on key populations.

3. At the same meeting, under the agenda item on the follow-up to the thematic segment of the forty-second Programme Coordinating Board meeting, the Board called on Member States, through a multisectoral approach, to, inter alia, integrate tuberculosis prevention and treatment into HIV services (and vice versa) and broader health systems to ensure more efficient, effective and equitable service delivery for all who are in need, and to develop better coordinated plans to address the common social and structural determinants of HIV and tuberculosis, including poverty, inadequate living conditions, stigma and discrimination.

4. Also at the same meeting, under the agenda item on the way forward towards achieving sustainable results on AIDS, the Board, inter alia, recalled the commitments in the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: On the Fast Track to Accelerating the Fight against HIV and to Ending the AIDS Epidemic by 2030, as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and, in order to ensure progress towards the goal of ending the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat by 2030, encouraged countries to develop integrated AIDS investment cases, as well as transition and sustainability plans, that were linked with health and Sustainable Development Goals-related financing strategies, and to fulfil their commitments to closing the HIV funding gaps.

5. Also at its forty-third meeting, under the agenda item on the annual progress report on HIV prevention for 2020, the Board, inter alia, called on Member States, in collaboration with community-based and civil society organizations and other partners, to continue accelerating a scaled-up prevention response in line with the commitments in the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS, and stressed the importance for Member States and key donors to continue to invest adequately in HIV

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

prevention, with no less than one quarter of HIV spending to be invested in prevention programmes.

6. At its forty-fourth meeting, under the agenda item on the follow-up to the thematic segment of the forty-third Programme Coordinating Board meeting, the Board, *inter alia*, called on Member States to implement evidence-based, people-centred, human rights and community-based policies and programmes to promote mental health and quality of life, including by addressing stigma and discrimination related to both HIV and mental health conditions, in the context of HIV prevention, treatment and care services, and called on the Joint Programme to review and revise existing practices and guidelines to ensure the integration of mental health and substance use treatment and prevention services into HIV service delivery platforms, and of HIV services into mental health and substance use prevention and treatment programmes, and provide respective implementation guidance.

7. At the same meeting, under the agenda item on financial reporting, the Board, *inter alia*, encouraged donor Governments to make multi-year contributions and release their contributions towards the Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework for 2016–2021 as soon as possible in order to fully fund the budget of \$484 million for the period 2018–2019.

8. Also at the same meeting, under the agenda item on the workplan and budget for the period 2020–2021, the Board, *inter alia*, approved the UNAIDS budget of \$484 million for the period 2020–2021 and the proposed allocation between the 11 co-sponsors and the secretariat, based on the revised resource mobilization and allocation model.

9. At its special session, under the agenda item on the process of selecting the next Executive Director of UNAIDS, the Board took note of the oral update by the Search Committee on the selection of the Executive Director, and requested the Search Committee to consider the views expressed by the Board.
