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(UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, UNESCO, WHO, World Bank)

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Programme Coordinating Board**
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DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

Agenda item 3 - Strategic Plan for 1996-2000

1. The PCB, recognizing that the UNAIDS Strategic Plan for 1996-2000 was developed through an extensive consultative process and that it will be revised over time to incorporate lessons learned, adopts the Plan as contained in document UNAIDS/PCB(2)/95.3. It requests that the Plan be re-issued before the end of the year incorporating the suggestions made during the PCB discussions. It notes that a workplan for UNAIDS will be available for the next meeting of the PCB.

Agenda item 4 - UNAIDS mode of operations at country level

2. The PCB endorses the mode of operations at country level for UNAIDS as set out in the document UNAIDS/PCB(2)/95.4, on the understanding that some of the operational issues will require further refinement based on experience gained in countries; in many instances these issues are country specific. UNAIDS will give special emphasis to:
 - (1) the responsibility of countries for the national response to the epidemic;
 - (2) the responsibility of the national government for coordination of the response;
 - (3) arrangements to ensure that the momentum of national responses is maintained;
 - (4) the important role of people living with HIV/AIDS, community-based organizations, and NGOs, as essential partners in the national response to HIV/AIDS; and
 - (5) a catalytic approach to the technical cooperation initiated by UNAIDS.
3. The PCB endorses the following criteria for the selection of countries for intensified cooperation, i.e. those countries where programme advisers will be assigned:
 - the existing or potential severity of HIV/AIDS as a national problem;
 - the adequacy of national resources to address the problem, including political commitment;
 - the availability of external resources, financial and technical;
 - the collective agreement of all parties concerned;

and requests UNAIDS to present its criteria for the selection of countries where technical support teams will be based.

4. The PCB requests that the language used to describe UNAIDS in the "Country Support Framework: mode of operations at country level" and other key UNAIDS documents, be consistent with that used in the cosponsors' Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of UNAIDS, and in resolutions adopted by ECOSOC and by the governing bodies of the cosponsors.

Agenda item 5 - Concerns expressed at 45th session of WHO Regional Committee for Africa

5. The PCB takes note of the resolution AFR/RC45/RI adopted by the WHO Regional Committee for Africa in September 1995 in which the African countries expressed their concern regarding:

- the support to be provided by UNAIDS during the transition period when WHO/GPA ceases to function; and
- the adequacy of information disseminated on the role and functioning of UNAIDS at country level.

6. The PCB notes the issues raised in the resolution, which in fact also apply to countries in other regions of the world, and recommends urgent and close collaboration between UNAIDS and WHO, including the WHO Regional Offices, to ensure a smooth transition from GPA to UNAIDS.

Agenda item 6 - Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997

7. The PCB approves the budget for UNAIDS for the biennium 1996-1997 in an amount of US\$ 120 million as contained in document UNAIDS/PPB/96-97 and allocated as follows:

I. Country Support	US\$ 61 400 000
II. International Best Practice	US\$ 34 600 000
III. Programme Direction & Support including External Relations and Advocacy	US\$ 24 000 000
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	Total: US\$120 000 000

8. The PCB authorizes the Executive Director to make transfers between the Programme Areas that constitute the approved working budget (I, II and III) up to a level not exceeding 10% of the amount of Programme Area from which the transfer is made. Any transfer exceeding the 10% mentioned above is subject to the approval of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the PCB after consultation with the CCO. Any decision on transfers should take account of the need to avoid distortion in the overall 40:60 balance of allocation of resources between global and country activities. All such transfers shall be reflected in the financial report for the biennium.

9. The PCB decides that any amount received for the core activities of UNAIDS in excess of the total budget of US\$ 120 million shall be available for undertaking innovative activities and not for administrative structure or staff.
10. Recognizing that HIV/AIDS is not exclusively a health issue, the PCB requests UNAIDS to pay maximum attention to the socioeconomic and developmental aspects of HIV/AIDS in its programme.

Agenda item 7 - Cosponsors' activities in HIV/AIDS

11. The PCB welcomes the description of the cosponsors' activities related to HIV/AIDS as contained in document UNAIDS/PCB(2)/95.5, even though the descriptions can be improved as to their specificity and accuracy. It notes with satisfaction the progress achieved by the cosponsors in preparing a jointly agreed plan of activities for 1996-1997.
12. The PCB urges the cosponsors to provide without delay details of their cash and in kind contributions to UNAIDS for the biennium 1996-1997.

Agenda item 8 - Resource Mobilization Strategy

13. The PCB welcomes the proposed strategy for resource mobilization as outlined in document UNAIDS/PCB(2)/95.6. It also welcomes the offer by Sweden to initiate an informal working group to discuss innovative methods of resource mobilization, including inter alia,
 - clarification of financing mechanisms, particularly the proposed replenishment mechanism, taking into account that some donors may not be in a position to use such replenishment due to the constraints of their national budgetary processes;
 - the role of the "Global Appeal" and how it relates to the fund raising activities of cosponsors, NGOs and national governments;

The PCB notes that the group will develop its own terms of reference, have a wide membership, and present options to the next meeting of the PCB.

14. The PCB notes that the "Global Appeal" will raise funds for the UNAIDS activities as set out in its biennial programme budget (\$120 million for 1996-1997) and the plan of cosponsors' activities to be jointly agreed upon with UNAIDS (up to \$20 million for 1996-1997).
15. The PCB urges all of its members who also serve on the governing bodies of the cosponsors to pay special and urgent attention to financing the HIV/AIDS-related activities of the cosponsors from their own core/regular budgets.

Agenda item 9 - Legal and administrative arrangements

9.1 - Memorandum of Understanding

16. The PCB notes with satisfaction that the Memorandum of Understanding - the final text of which was agreed at the sixth CCO meeting on 11 October - has been signed by the Executive Heads of five of the six cosponsors, namely UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, UNESCO, and WHO, and that it will shortly be signed by the President of the World Bank after formal approval by its Board of Governors.

9.2 - Administrative arrangements with WHO

17. The PCB notes the draft letter of agreement between UNAIDS and WHO on administrative arrangements. In view of the high costs of locating UNAIDS in WHO/Geneva, the PCB requests the Executive Director to examine the advantages and disadvantages, both short and long term, of possible measures to minimize the administrative and accommodation costs and report back to the next meeting of the PCB. However, the administrative costs should not exceed 13% of the total budget.

Agenda item 10 - PCB meeting in 1996

18. The PCB decides to hold its next meeting in Geneva on 10-12 June 1996, on the understanding that efforts will be made to reduce the meeting to two days, 10-11 June.

Agenda item 11 - Other business

11.1 - NGOs participation in PCB meetings

19. The PCB authorizes UNAIDS to finance the participation of the five NGO members of the PCB, rather than limiting it to the three NGOs from developing countries as proposed in the ECOSOC resolution 1995/2 regarding governance of the PCB. The NGO members shall in future be referred to by their regional affiliation.
20. The PCB notes that the current five NGO members of the PCB will all serve two-year terms of office from 1995 until end 1997. In order to ensure rotation of the five NGO members from 1 January 1998, three of the subsequent terms of office will be for three years and the other two for two years. For the sake of continuity, two of the original five members may be reappointed for one term.

11.2 - Establishment of PCB working groups

21. The PCB decides to establish a working group on indicators and evaluation with the following membership: Australia, Canada, China, Mexico, Russian Federation, South Africa, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States of America. It also decides that (1) any other PCB member is welcome to participate; (2) consultation with NGOs will be assured through electronic means; (3) members may be represented by a participant with technical skills and not necessarily the PCB representative; (4) the working group will develop its own terms of reference and report to the PCB at its next meeting.

11.3 - Method of work of the PCB

22. The PCB requests all its members to make proposals to UNAIDS on how future meetings can be made more efficient and effective and ways to promote greater and frequent interaction among themselves in the governance process, for example through electronic means. The Secretariat will consolidate the proposals and present them to the next meeting of the PCB.
23. The PCB decides to appoint a Rapporteur from among its members to provide an action-oriented summary at the end of each agenda item's discussion. The Rapporteur will be selected for each meeting in consultation with the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson and the Secretariat.

11.4 - Report of the first meeting of the PCB, July 1995

24. The PCB approves the report of its first meeting contained in document UNAIDS/PCB(1)/95.6.