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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its fourth meeting in April 1997, the PCB requested that the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson present to the PCB a proposal for election procedures of future chairpersons and vice-chairpersons at its next regular annual session (see document UNAIDS/PCB(4)/97.10, Annex 3, Rec. 30). The present proposal was prepared by Dr Moerkerk (Netherlands, Vice-Chairperson) in consultation with Minister Zuma (South Africa, Chairperson), and circulated for comments by the UNAIDS Secretariat in December 1997.

ACTION REQUIRED AT THIS MEETING

The PCB is requested to approve the present proposal for the election procedure of future PCB chairpersons and vice-chairpersons. The PCB *Modus Operandi* as adopted by the Board at its first meeting in July 1995 will need to be modified accordingly.



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1. At its regular annual session in April 1997, the PCB requested that the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson present to the PCB a proposal for the election procedure of future chairpersons and vice-chairpersons, to be discussed at its next regular session in 1998. The PCB is invited to consider adopting the following procedure, which has been modelled as much as possible in accordance with the ECOSOC rules of procedure as well as practice in the Boards of some of UNAIDS' Cosponsors.

I. Proposed rules of procedure for the election of the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

2. The PCB shall, at each regular annual session, elect from among the representatives of its members a chairperson and a vice-chairperson who shall hold office for a period of one year until their successors are elected. The chairperson and the vice-chairperson will rotate each year, the vice-chairperson taking over the position of chairperson.

3. Taking into consideration the need to ensure equitable representation, the chairperson will be alternately a representative from a donor or a recipient country, member of the Board. The vice-chairperson will be a member of the opposite category.

4. In the intersessional period, the chairperson and the vice-chairperson will invite nominations for election of the chairperson and the vice-chairperson for the following year from members of the PCB. The chairperson and the vice-chairperson will consult with members as well as NGO representatives on the nominations. Following these consultations, the chairperson and the vice-chairperson will submit the nominations to the Board for election.

5. If the chairperson cannot participate in a meeting or any part thereof, she/he shall designate the vice-chairperson to take her/his place. Only members of the PCB shall chair meetings of the Board.

6. If the chairperson or the vice-chairperson ceases to be able to carry out her/his functions or ceases to be a representative of a member of the PCB, she/he shall cease to hold such office and a new chairperson or vice-chairperson shall be elected for the unexpired term.

II. Interim proposal for 1998

7. In addition to the proposed rules for election, the Board has to consider an interim solution to be adopted for election of its chairperson and vice-chairperson for 1998. As the Netherlands will not be a member of the PCB in 1998 and it would be contrary to applicable ECOSOC rules of procedure for its representatives to continue being in office as chairperson, it is therefore proposed that the PCB elect at this session as a matter of exception a new chairperson as well as a new vice-chairperson from among its members. South Africa will preside over elections to be held at the beginning of this session and hand over the chair as soon as the new chairperson and vice-chairperson are elected. In this case, the new chairperson would hold office for a one-year term, the vice-chairperson taking over the chair in 1999. As from then, the PCB could proceed according to the procedure proposed in section I.