



Programme Coordinating Board, 27-29 June 2005 Decisions, Recommendations and Conclusions

Agenda item 1.1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the provisional agenda

1. The Programme Coordinating Board adopted the agenda.

Agenda item 1.2: Election of Officers

2. Brazil was elected as Chair, Sweden as Vice-Chair and China as Rapporteur of the 17th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board.

Agenda item 1.3: Consideration of the reports of the 15th and 16th meetings

3. The Programme Coordinating Board adopted the reports of the 15th and 16th meetings.

Agenda item 1.4: Report of the Executive Director

4. Taking note of the achievements of UNAIDS during the last biennium, and recognizing the many continuing challenges for the response to AIDS and for UNAIDS, the Programme Coordinating Board:

4.1 supports UNAIDS' efforts to advocate for increased resources to be devoted to the response to AIDS, and to explore innovative options for expanding the funding base, nationally and internationally;

4.2 further supports UNAIDS' efforts to identify the obstacles to effective AIDS programme implementation and to support countries in overcoming such obstacles, and accelerate implementation through the tapping of national and regional capacities through its Technical Support Facilities, the brokering of horizontal cooperation, the strengthening of UNAIDS' own capacity in this area, and working with country partners, civil society and donors to articulate further the nature and scale of the problem, and how policies and programmes can be refined;

4.3 encourages UNAIDS Secretariat and Cosponsors and UN Country Teams to strengthen their support for the greater coherence and accountability of AIDS responses, through the adoption and implementation of the "Three Ones" principles in all countries, the integration of AIDS harmonization into the broader development agenda while continuing to recognize the exceptionality of AIDS, and the strengthening of greater coordination and alignment of monitoring and evaluation approaches;

4.4 recognizing the importance of a comprehensive approach to AIDS, encourages UNAIDS to continue to promote and support countries in the development of evidence-informed AIDS strategies, including efforts towards universal access to prevention, treatment and care services;

4.5 recognizing the equal importance of ensuring a sustained response to the global AIDS epidemic, encourages UNAIDS to develop a long-term approach for the global AIDS response taking into account: sustainable financing of comprehensive HIV prevention, treatment, care and support; the linking of AIDS to the broader development agenda; and the continuation of the current political momentum and public awareness on AIDS; in order to promote and support initiatives that tackle the enduring obstacles to development, and the social, demographic and economic impacts of AIDS, and

4.6 encourages UNAIDS to develop a strategy and continue to mobilize a truly inclusive response to AIDS including the promotion and facilitation of the inclusion of civil society, people living with HIV and AIDS and the private sector in national and international responses to AIDS, and the mobilization of greater management support for civil society organisations in grant application and programme implementation.

Agenda item 1.5: Report by the Chairperson of the Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations

5. Noting with appreciation the Report by the Chairperson of the Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations, the Programme Coordinating Board:

5.1 welcomes the joint programme-wide initiatives undertaken by UNAIDS, led by various Cosponsors and in some cases by the Secretariat, notes their key achievements and multisectoral activities, and welcomes the commitment of the Cosponsors regarding the continuing challenges in the field of AIDS, and;

5.2 urges the Cosponsors and Secretariat to continue to strengthen the UNAIDS partnership, especially at country level, as well as to strengthen the collective working arrangements of the

Cosponsors, and thereby contribute to a comprehensive response to AIDS.

Agenda item 1.6: Report by the Nongovernmental Representative

6. The Programme Coordinating Board welcomes the report of the nongovernmental organizations and recognizes civil society as a key partner; and
 - 6.1 urges UNAIDS to lead in the development of a long-term strategy to enable access to resources by civil society to support and sustain the scale-up of their enormous human resource contribution toward implementation of HIV prevention, care, treatment and support activities worldwide.

Agenda item 2: Report of the Global Task Team on Improving AIDS Coordination among Multilateral Institutions and International Donors

7. Welcoming the rapid, high-level and highly participatory work of the ad hoc Global Task Team on Improving AIDS Coordination among Multilateral Institutions and International Donors, the Programme Coordinating Board:
 - 7.1 endorses the complete set of recommendations contained in the 14 June final report of the Global Task Team noting the central importance of country ownership;
 - 7.2 requests the UNAIDS Secretariat and Cosponsors – and invites the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria – to develop action plans and to implement the Global Task Team recommendations and maintain the momentum created by the Global Task Team, within the specified timeframes;
 - 7.3 urges the governing bodies of UNAIDS Cosponsors, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and other multilateral institutions to consider and endorse the Global Task Team recommendations;
 - 7.4 urges all other international partners to consider and, whenever possible, implement the alignment and harmonization arrangements detailed in the Global Task Team recommendations;
 - 7.5 requests the UNAIDS Secretariat and Cosponsors, in cooperation with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and other relevant development partners, to report on progress in the implementation of Global Task Team recommendations at a special session in the June 2006 Programme Coordinating Board meeting;
 - 7.6 urges UNAIDS to promote the full participation of civil society at the country and global levels in implementing the recommendations of the Global Task Team; and

7.7 encourages the UNAIDS Secretariat to lead a rapid and inclusive process - including civil society – ahead of the September 2005 Global Fund Replenishment Conference for the expansion and refocusing of UNAIDS Programme Acceleration Funds so they enable the UN system and others to scale up the provision and facilitation of technical support.

Explanatory note to Section 7: the PCB recognizes that the implementation of the Global Task Team recommendations would have to be within the framework of national laws, as well as regulations and policies of the governing bodies of multilateral organizations and international institutions. The PCB also notes that a move toward a programme-based approach includes coordinated parallel financing and pooled funding.

Agenda item 3: UNAIDS Policy Position Paper: Intensifying HIV Prevention

8. Welcoming the action taken by UNAIDS on the decision of its 16th Programme Coordinating Board meeting in December 2004 for UNAIDS to engage in the development of a strategy for intensifying HIV prevention, the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board:
 - 8.1 expresses satisfaction with the extent and range of consultations in which UNAIDS has engaged in the development of the UNAIDS Policy Position Paper: Intensifying HIV Prevention;
 - 8.2 endorses the UNAIDS Policy Position Paper: Intensifying HIV Prevention, as amended;
 - 8.3 urges UNAIDS to strengthen its leadership of, and support to, global, regional and national efforts to intensify HIV prevention as part of a comprehensive response to AIDS;
 - 8.4 requests UNAIDS to take the lead in intensifying HIV prevention, through expediting the development of an action plan based on the Policy Position Paper and the recommendations of the Global Task Team, and to inform the Programme Coordinating Board of this action plan by December 2005; noting that this will entail further harmonizing and coordinating its efforts through a clear division of responsibilities between the UNAIDS Secretariat and Cosponsors, as well as by coordinating its efforts with national and global stakeholders;
 - 8.5 requests UNAIDS to provide a progress report in June 2006 on UNAIDS' efforts to intensify HIV prevention; and
 - 8.6 notes the United States statement that the United States could not fund needle and syringe programmes because such programmes are inconsistent with current United States law and policy, and notes that this external partner cannot be expected to fund activities inconsistent with its own national laws and policies.

Agenda item 4: UNAIDS Unified Budget and Workplan 2006-2007

9. The Programme Coordinating Board:

9.1 expresses its satisfaction with the success of the Secretariat and Cosponsors in responding fully to the decisions of the Programme Coordinating Board and further improving the Unified Budget and Workplan 2006-2007, by setting out clearly the contributions of UNAIDS to the global response and bringing further strategic coherence to work planning and budgeting;

9.2 commends UNAIDS for strengthening the results-based management framework of the Unified Budget and Workplan 2006-2007, making it a more user-friendly and transparent document and a better tool for accountability, and notes with satisfaction the inclusion of results and corresponding indicators of achievement at the level of the Joint Programme as a whole and at the level of individual Cosponsors and the Secretariat;

9.3 recognizes that the Unified Budget and Workplan 2006-2007 is a prime example of United Nations' reform in action;

9.4 requests UNAIDS to take further steps to strengthen the Unified Budget and Workplan as an instrument for UN system coherence to capture country level financing and harmonization with a strengthened results-based management approach, and that UNAIDS report to the Programme Coordinating Board on these steps in June 2006;

9.5 urges UNAIDS Secretariat to establish a process aimed at aligning the Unified Budget and Workplan with the recommendations of the Global Task Team and to identify their financial implications;

9.6 notes with satisfaction the increases in the Cosponsors' own resources for global, regional and country level activities, all of which are tangible expressions of their increased capacity, commitment and action to fight the AIDS epidemic and its consequences;

9.7 requests UNAIDS to respond to Decision 8.2 of the 15th Programme Coordinating Board to present a harmonized report to Cosponsors' governing bodies; the 2006-2007 Unified Budget and Workplan provides an opportunity to present to the Programme Coordinating Board a summary report on country-level spending, including the use of Unified Budget and Workplan funds at the country level; in all cases duplicative reporting should be avoided; Programme Coordinating Board members also acknowledge their responsibility to ensure coherence as members of Cosponsors' governing bodies;

9.8 endorses the strategies and approaches contained in the Unified Budget and Workplan 2006-2007, in particular its emphasis on enabling countries to scale up the national response to the AIDS epidemic;

9.9 mindful that some regions or subregions bear a disproportionate share of the AIDS burden, often compounded, as in the case of sub-Saharan Africa, by very high levels of poverty and, underlining the importance of allocating funds to reflect this situation, requests the UNAIDS Secretariat to prepare an additional table in the Unified Budget and Workplan to show more clearly the regional distribution of resources;

9.10 urges UNAIDS Secretariat to examine and propose ways and means to the 18th Programme Coordinating Board to increase the flexibility of the Unified Budget and Workplan, including the possible establishment of a contingency fund and a mid-term review;

9.11 approves the core budget of US\$ 320.5 million and the proposed distribution of those resources as follows: US\$ 120.7 million for the Cosponsors; US\$ 115.4 million for the Secretariat; and US\$ 84.4 million for interagency activities; and

9.12 urges all countries to fully fund the Unified Budget and Workplan 2006-2007 in accordance with the principle of burden sharing.

Agenda item 5: United Nations System Strategic Framework on HIV and AIDS 2006-2010

10. Recognizing the importance of strengthening commitment and expanding action of the United Nations system in response to AIDS, the Programme Coordinating Board:

10.1 welcomes the efforts of the United Nations system organizations to continue working together as a system under one framework, in line with the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the UN Millennium Declaration and the UN Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, and urges the UN system to demonstrate even greater progress toward harmonization and coordination goals;

10.2 commends the progress made by the Cosponsors, other UN system organizations and the UNAIDS Secretariat on the development of the United Nations System Strategic Framework on HIV and AIDS 2006-2010;

10.3 urges the United Nations system organizations to mainstream AIDS in their global, regional and national plans and programmes with concrete mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation, to direct their country offices to support national programmes, and to propose to their governing bodies that they discuss AIDS in the context of the United Nations System Strategic Framework on HIV and AIDS 2006-2010; and

10.4 welcomes the intention of the UNAIDS Executive Director to review the United Nations System Strategic Framework on HIV and AIDS 2006-2010, taking into account ongoing UN reform efforts (e.g. the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review) and the ongoing implementation of the Global Task Team recommendations.

Agenda item 6.1: Progress on implementation of the “Three Ones”

11. The Programme Coordinating Board takes note of the progress on implementation of the “Three Ones”.
 - 11.1 urges UNAIDS to continue to lead in building capacity and political support for the implementation at country level of the “Three Ones”, taking into account the recommendations in the Global Task Team report, through the development of tools and guidelines and monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, to strengthen national authorities and the participation of country level stakeholders including civil society; and
 - 11.2 recognizes that the sustainable implementation of the “Three Ones” remains a challenge, especially as we move toward the 2006 UN General Assembly review of the UN Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, and requests UNAIDS to facilitate further harmonization of global monitoring and evaluation systems, and their alignment to country systems

Agenda item 6.2: Interim Financial Management Information for the 2004-2005 Biennium and Financial Update as at 31 March 2005

12. Taking note of the interim financial management information for the 2004-2005 biennium and the financial update as at 31 March 2005, the Programme Coordinating Board:
 - 12.1 endorses the Executive Director’s proposal for the utilization of the anticipated fund balance, and;
 - 12.2 encourages donor governments and others to release their contributions towards the Unified Budget and Workplan for 2004-2005 as soon as possible, if they have not already done so.

Agenda item 7: Next PCB meeting

13. The Programme Coordinating Board reconfirms its decision from the 14th meeting that the 18th Programme Coordinating Board meeting will be held on 27-28 June 2006, in Geneva. The Bureau and the Secretariat may, bearing in mind the length of the agenda and the financial implications, extend the meeting by one day.

Agenda item 8: Any other business

14. The Programme Coordinating Board notes that the agenda item on AIDS and Security was withdrawn, and notes that the UNAIDS Executive Director committed to the inclusion of the item as soon as possible at a future Programme Coordinating Board meeting.

Agenda item 9: Adoption of decisions, recommendations and conclusions

15. The Programme Coordinating Board adopts the decisions, recommendations and conclusions of the 17th Programme Coordinating Board meeting.