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DRAFT INCEPTION REPORT: WRITTEN COMMENTS

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Oversight Committee (OC) of the Second Independent Evaluation (SIE) is undertaking broad consultations on the draft Inception Report (IR) prepared by the Evaluation Team (ET) consortium ITAD/HLSP. The draft IR will provide the final terms of reference for the Evaluation, setting out the design, methodology, work plan, and approach for the SIE according to purpose and terms of reference set by the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB).

The objectives of the consultations are to:

- i) solicit suggestions from stakeholders for strengthening the methodology of the design and process of the Evaluation to ensure it achieves its purpose; and
- ii) strengthen stakeholder involvement and understanding of material that will be presented in the Final Report.

Written comments, submitted by **26 September 2008**, will be taken into account in finalizing the Inception Report. Comments received prior to **15 September 2008** will be made available to participants in a Stakeholder Workshop to be held in Geneva on 15-16 September, a complementary event in the broad consultation.

All comments are welcome, but the Evaluation Team is particularly interested in stakeholder perceptions on any or all of following issues and questions in order to inform the ET in finalizing the Inception Report and the OC in approving it:

1. Stakeholder perceptions on How UNAIDS is responding to the changing context:

1. Health systems
 - a. How UNAIDS has strengthened health systems.
 - b. How other initiatives to strengthen health systems have supported the achievement of UNAIDS objectives.
2. Working relationships between UNAIDS and other global players such as Global Fund, PEPFAR, private sector etc.

3. Implications of donor focus on aid effectiveness and current pilots of UN reform (Delivering as One) for a dedicated joint programme on HIV/AIDS.

2. Stakeholder perceptions on How UNAIDS works

1. What are the strengths and weaknesses in the governance of UNAIDS?
2. Where should the ET concentrate its enquiries to add value to previous reviews?
3. Has the UBW been an effective tool for influencing the Cosponsor programmes?
4. Where are there clear examples of Cosponsor programmes being changed to respond to the division of labour?

3. Stakeholder perceptions on How UNAIDS is fulfilling its ECOSOC mandate – success and lessons learned:

1. To what extent has UNAIDS incorporated gender and human rights issues into its own policies and programmes and supported efforts by countries to address these issues?
2. Has UNAIDS succeeded in supporting the active and meaningful engagement of civil society and PLHIV in the response to HIV and AIDS at global and national levels (e.g. policy making, implementation, monitoring and evaluation)?
3. How can the ET best find evidence about how UNAIDS has improved the coordination and provision of appropriate and timely technical support to national AIDS responses?

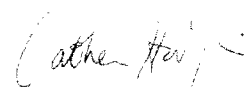
N. B. Comments on cross-cutting social themes relating to vulnerable groups (e.g. women, children, PLHIV, aged, drug users) on any aspect of the questions will also be taken into account.

Your comments can be sent by email or fax to the Oversight Committee Secretariat (OCS):

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We look forward to hearing your views. Any questions or further information can be addressed to the OC Secretariat:

Yours sincerely,



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