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Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem: follow-up to the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in view of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016

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

I. Introduction

1. The present note 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; 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.

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II. 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

2. Relevant resolutions of the Commission were transmitted to the Chair of the Programme Coordinating Board on 5 June 2013. Attention was drawn particularly to resolution 56/6, entitled “Intensifying the efforts to achieve the targets of the 2011 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS among people who use drugs, in particular the target to reduce HIV transmission among people who inject drugs by 50 per cent by 2015” and resolution 56/12, entitled “Preparations for the high-level review of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem”.

3. The Programme Coordinating Board, at its thirty-first meeting, held in Geneva from 11 to 13 December 2012, and at its thirty-second meeting, held in Geneva from 25 to 27 June 2013, 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.

4. At its thirty-first meeting, the Programme Coordinating Board discussed and arrived at decisions, recommendations and conclusions with regard to, inter alia, gender-sensitivity of AIDS responses.¹ It took note of the report of the Mid-Term Review of the UNAIDS Agenda for Accelerated Country Action on Women, Girls, Gender Equality and HIV. The Board requested UNAIDS, in collaboration with Governments and relevant partners, to increase coordinated support to countries to assess HIV responses from a gender equality perspective with a view to informing planning, costing, budgeting and implementation of a gender-transformative HIV response, with the aim of the full implementation of the UNAIDS Agenda for Women and Girls.

5. The Board also requested the UNAIDS secretariat and cosponsors to implement the recommendations of the Mid-Term Review and to ensure that the results were substantively reported through the Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework. It also urged UNAIDS, in collaboration with Governments and partners, to improve the collection, analysis and use of disaggregated data, in particular by sex and age.

¹ The decisions, recommendations and conclusions of the Board at its thirty-first meeting are available from www.unaids.org/en/aboutunaids/unaidsprogrammecoordinatingboard/pcbmeetingarchive/name,71107,en.asp.

6. The Board also requested UNAIDS and member States to support countries to promote access to sustained funding for women, girls, gender equality and HIV, as well as funding for, inter alia, women from key populations and other civil society partners working towards gender-transformative HIV responses, from a variety of sources. It also requested UNAIDS, member States and civil society to promote and facilitate better linkages between HIV, gender equality, sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights within the post-2015 global development agenda, together with Governments and, inter alia, women from key populations and other relevant stakeholders, to achieve improved health outcomes and uphold the human rights of women and girls in all their diversity.

7. Also at its thirty-first meeting, the Programme Coordinating Board discussed and arrived at decisions, recommendations and conclusions with regard to strategic investment. It called on the UNAIDS family — secretariat and cosponsors — to work together and with partners to support countries to apply investment thinking to nationally led and owned planning processes and implementation of programmes to strengthen the prioritization of resources and improve the cost-effectiveness and impact of national HIV responses. With regard to the review of participation by non-governmental organizations and civil society in the Programme Coordinating Board, the Board requested the UNAIDS secretariat and cosponsors to strengthen their collaboration with the non-governmental organization delegation at the country, regional and headquarters levels, to continue supporting the non-governmental organization delegation through the most cost-effective approaches, and to champion, in collaboration with member States, the involvement of civil society in the post-2015 development agenda.

8. At its thirty-second meeting,² under the agenda item on AIDS response in the post-2015 development agenda, the Programme Coordinating Board stressed the importance of working towards ensuring that the critical elements in the HIV and AIDS response were considered in the post-2015 development agenda, and the importance of international cooperation to all regions and countries, tailored to different epidemiological profiles, in achieving them. The Board also called on UNAIDS to, inter alia, strengthen leadership and advocacy for the consideration of HIV and AIDS issues in the post-2015 development agenda, including beyond health, in areas such as inequality and gender, and building effective partnerships.

9. Under the agenda item on the UNAIDS Budget for 2014-2015, the Board approved 485 million dollars as the core budget for 2014-2015 and the proposed allocation between the 11 cosponsors and the UNAIDS secretariat.

10. Pursuant to Commission resolution 51/14, the decisions, recommendations and conclusions adopted by the Programme Coordinating Board at its thirty-first and thirty-second meetings will be made available to the Commission at its fifty-seventh session.

² The decisions, recommendations and conclusions of the Board at its thirty-second meeting are available from www.unaids.org/en/aboutunaids/unaidsprogrammeordinatingboard/pcbmeetingarchive/name,81184,en.asp.