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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

Summary

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. Also in that resolution, the Commission 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. The present note provides information on the relevant decisions of the Programme Coordinating Board at its fortieth meeting, held in Geneva from 27 to 29 June 2017.

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I. 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

1. At its fortieth meeting, held in Geneva from 27 to 29 June 2017, the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) 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.¹

2. At the same meeting, the Programme Coordinating Board discussed and arrived at decisions, recommendations and conclusions with regard to, inter alia, the agenda item on the refined operating model of UNAIDS. The Board welcomed the final report of the Global Review Panel; welcomed and affirmed the UNAIDS Joint Programme Action Plan and requested implementation thereof by the Joint Programme; and requested the Executive Director and the Committee of Co-sponsoring Organizations to submit to it at its forty-first and forty-second meetings a report on progress in the implementation of the UNAIDS Joint Programme Action Plan for consideration and future guidance.

3. Also at the same meeting, under the agenda item on the Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework, the Board, inter alia, encouraged donor Governments to make multi-year contributions and release their contributions towards the 2016–2021 Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework as soon as possible; approved the UNAIDS 2018–2019 budget and revised resource mobilization and allocation model; and requested the Executive Director and the Committee of Co-sponsoring Organizations to report back on resource mobilization developments at the forty-first meeting, presenting a joint comprehensive resource mobilization plan for a fully funded Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework.

4. Also at its fortieth meeting, under the agenda item on follow-up to the thematic segment from the thirty-ninth meeting, the Board requested Member States to, inter alia: (a) invest in systems for health, community-based services, as appropriate, and HIV-sensitive social protection to address the needs of people over 50 living with and at risk of HIV through strengthening universal health coverage, including for mental health, promoting human rights and providing health and social workers with appropriate levels of knowledge and skills; (b) improve evidence gathering and monitoring systems to provide strategic information on people over 50 living with and at risk of HIV; and (c) continue to work towards structural interventions, including policy reforms that remove barriers and increase access to integrated health services, including for mental health, and to comprehensive information on HIV prevention and other sexually transmitted diseases, including sexual education, and to social protection and programmes that tackle the stigma and discrimination faced by people over 50 living with and at risk of HIV.

¹ The decisions, recommendations and conclusions of the Programme Coordinating Board at its meetings are available at www.unaids.org.