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Addendum

Introduction

The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 27 bis (o), 75 bis (b) 76, 99, 100 bis, 101, 110 (d), 111 (c), 111 (d), 111 (f) and 112 (d) of the proposed outcome of the special session (A/S-24/2/Add.2 (Part III)) at its ... meeting on ... June 2000.

At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

- (a) Paragraph 27 bis (o) was amended to read as follows:

“Promoting participatory poverty assessments as well as social impact assessments which include sex, age and relevant socio-economic categories, defining, inter alia, the extent and localization of poverty and the groups most severely affected, in order to design anti-poverty strategies;”

- (b) Paragraph 75 bis (b) was replaced by the following:

“Strengthening information, education and communication campaigns to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS and to promote safe and responsible sexual behaviour, in full partnership with youth, parents, families, educators and health care providers;”

- (c) Paragraph 76 was replaced by the following:

“Strengthen political commitment and efforts at the international and national levels against HIV/AIDS, with a focus on developing countries and countries with economies in transition, through partnership among the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and its cosponsors, bilateral donors, Governments and non-governmental organizations, including youth organizations, and the private sector, based on a multisectoral approach encompassing, among other things, education and prevention programmes and services, care, including pre-natal care, access to affordable medications and other pharmaceutical agents, and support for people living with HIV/AIDS, including home-based care, family planning programmes and the empowerment of women;”

- (d) Paragraph 99 was replaced by the following:

“Invite UNAIDS and its cosponsors, as part of the International Partnership Against AIDS in Africa (IPAA), to support countries most affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic, upon request, in their efforts to:

“(a) Allocate adequate resources, in particular financial, as well as wider access to quality medication by ensuring the provision and affordability of drugs, including a reliable distribution and delivery system; implementation of a strong generic drug policy; bulk purchasing; negotiation with pharmaceutical companies; appropriate financing systems; and encouragement of local manufacturing and import practices consistent with national laws and international agreements acceded to;

“(b) Develop a strategy for resource mobilization for programmes on young people with their full involvement;

“(c) Consolidate resources by creating or strengthening technical resource networks and identifying best practices at country and regional levels;

“(d) Develop a core set of indicators and tools to monitor implementation of youth programmes and progress towards achievement of the target to reduce infection levels in young people by 25 per cent by 2005;”

- (e) Paragraph 100 bis was replaced by the following:

“Support African Governments and civil society organizations, inter alia, through the International Partnership Against AIDS in Africa and national programmes, in the provision of key services linked to social security, care and support, prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, reduction of mother-to-child transmission, access to voluntary and confidential counselling and testing, and support of behavioural change and responsible sexual behaviour, in order to scale up significantly efforts in Africa to curtail the spread of HIV, reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS, and halt the further reversal of human, social and economic development;”

- (f) Paragraphs 101 were replaced by the following:

“Support and assist research and development centres in Africa and the least developed countries in the field of vaccines, medicine and public health, thereby strengthening training of medical personnel and counsellors, improving control and treatment of communicable and infectious diseases, such as HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis, as well as assisting in making vaccines and medicines for the control and treatment of these diseases widely available at affordable prices;”

- (g) The three paragraphs under paragraph 110 (d) were replaced by the following:

“Requesting the international community to support the efforts of all countries aimed at strengthening institutional capacity for preventing corruption, bribery, money laundering and illegal transfer of funds, as well as repatriating these funds to their countries of origin;”

(h) Both versions of paragraph 111 (c) were replaced by the following, and the Notes following the paragraph were deleted:

“Improving the existing mechanisms for helping to stabilize commodity export earnings so as to respond to the real concerns of developing country producers, taking into account that commodity price instability has remained extremely high, with declining trends for a number of commodities;”

(i) The square brackets around paragraph 111 (d) were removed and the words “(pending final confirmation)” were deleted.

(j) Paragraph 111 (f) was deleted.

(k) The square brackets around paragraph 112 (d) were removed and the words “(pending final confirmation)” were deleted.
