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drug abuse**

**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**

Report of the Executive Director

Summary

The present report 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 which the Commission requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to share relevant decisions of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS with the Member States at each session of the Commission held in the first half of the year, starting with the fifty-second session. In the resolution, the Commission also requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to transmit relevant resolutions of the Commission each year to the Chairman of the Programme Coordinating Board.

I. Introduction

1. The present report has been prepared pursuant to Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 51/14, entitled “Promoting coordination and alignment of

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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 Chairman of the Programme Coordinating Board.

II. Promoting 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. Pursuant to Commission resolution 51/14, UNODC transmitted that resolution to the Chairman of the Programme Coordinating Board in a note verbale dated 4 August 2008.

3. The Programme Coordinating Board, at its twenty-third meeting, held in Geneva from 15 to 17 December 2008, recalled that all aspects of UNAIDS work were to be directed by the following guiding principles: (a) they should be aligned to national stakeholders' priorities; (b) they should be based on the meaningful and measurable involvement of civil society, especially of people living with HIV and populations most at risk of HIV infection; (c) they should be based on human rights and gender equality; (d) they should be based on the best available scientific evidence and technical knowledge; and (e) they should promote comprehensive responses to AIDS that integrate prevention, treatment, care and support.

4. At the meeting, the Programme Coordinating Board, mindful of Commission resolution 51/14, took note of the upcoming review of the world drug problem to be carried out as part of the follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly and requested UNODC, as one of the co-sponsors of UNAIDS, to work towards an outcome of the meeting that would accurately reflect the importance of decreasing HIV transmission and co-infection in people using drugs.

5. Pursuant to Commission resolution 51/14, the decisions of the Programme Coordinating Board are to be shared with the Member States at each session of the Commission held in the first half of the year, starting with the fifty-second session. Accordingly, the decisions, recommendations and conclusions of the Programme Coordinating Board adopted at the twenty-third meeting are being made available to Member States in a document entitled "Decisions, recommendations and conclusions" (http://data.unaids.org/pub/InformationNote/2008/20081208_pcb_23_decisions_en.pdf), and those adopted at the twenty-second meeting, held in

Chiang Mai, Thailand, from 23 to 25 April 2008, are being made available to Member States in the report on that meeting (http://data.unaids.org/pub/Report/2008/20081020_pcb_22_report_final_en.pdf).
