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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

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 30 May 2012. Attention was drawn in particular to resolution 55/5, entitled “Promoting strategies and measures addressing specific needs of women in the context of comprehensive and integrated drug demand reduction programmes and strategies”.

3. The Programme Coordinating Board, at its twenty-ninth meeting, held in Geneva from 13 to 15 December 2011, and at its thirtieth meeting, held in Geneva from 5 to 7 June 2012, recalled that all aspects of UNAIDS work were directed by the following guiding principles: (a) they should be aligned with national stakeholders’ priorities; (b) 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; (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; (e) they should promote comprehensive responses to AIDS integrating prevention, treatment, care and support; and (f) they should be based on the principle of non-discrimination.

4. At its twenty-ninth meeting, the Programme Coordinating Board discussed and arrived at decisions, recommendations and conclusions with regard to, inter alia, agenda item 2, on follow-up to the 2011 United Nations General Assembly high-level meeting on AIDS. The Programme Coordinating Board requested UNAIDS to launch as soon as possible a process of inclusive consultations to consider approaches to strategic investment, including the new investment framework for the global HIV response, while ensuring the potential applicability and adaptability of such approaches to national contexts and to overall country ownership. Consultations should be transparent, inclusive and effective, involving Governments, national AIDS authorities, civil society and other relevant stakeholders.

5. At its thirtieth meeting, the Programme Coordinating Board discussed and arrived at decisions, recommendations and conclusions with regard to, inter alia, agenda item 1.3, “Report of the Executive Director”, by which the Board approved the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) as the eleventh cosponsor of UNAIDS, and with regard to agenda item 1.5, “Report by the non-governmental organization representative”, by which the Board recognized the critical role that civil society organizations play in the HIV response and requested UNAIDS, inter alia, to support the capability of Member States and civil society to meet the goals laid out in the 2011 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS and the HIV-related Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

6. At its thirtieth meeting, under agenda item 2, on follow-up to the thematic segment from the twenty-ninth meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board, the Programme Coordinating Board called upon States, inter alia, to implement programmes to ensure that national responses to HIV and AIDS meet the specific

needs of women and girls, including those living with and affected by HIV, by providing sexual and reproductive health-care services and by strengthening legal, policy, administrative and other measures for the promotion and protection of women's human rights and the reduction of their vulnerability to HIV through the elimination of all forms of discrimination.

7. Pursuant to Commission resolution 51/14, the decisions, recommendations and conclusions adopted by the Programme Coordinating Board at its twenty-ninth¹ and thirtieth meetings² will be made available to the Commission at its fifty-sixth session.

¹ Available from www.unaids.org/en/media/unaids/contentassets/documents/pcb/2011/12/20111216_29PCB%20decisions%20final_en.pdf.

² Available from www.unaids.org/en/media/unaids/contentassets/documents/pcb/2012/PCB-30_decisions_en.pdf.