



Executive Board

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**Report and recommendations of the Governance Working Group
Election of the Chair of the UNITAID Executive Board**

The Executive Board takes note of the report and recommendations of the Governance Working Group.

The Executive Board adopts the procedures for election of the Chair of the UNITAID Executive Board as attached in Annex A to this resolution, effective immediately.

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Philippe Douste-Blazy

Annex A**Procedures for the Election of the UNITAID Executive Board Chair¹****1. Eligibility**

- a. The Executive Board Chair may either be a Board Member (other than WHO) or an External Qualified Personality.

2. Term of Office:

- a. The term of office for the Board Chair shall commence upon the adjournment of the Board meeting at which his/her election is held and shall end upon the adjournment of the first regular Board meeting of the third year after his/her election.
- b. The terms of office of the Board Chair shall only be renewable once. This limitation shall apply from the November 2010 Board Chair election onward.

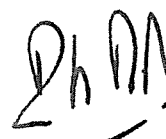
3. Nomination Process For Election of the Executive Board Chair

- a. The Secretariat shall announce elections and a call for nominations in writing to Board Members at least 120 days prior to the opening day of the Board meeting at which the election will take place.
- b. Nominations may only be submitted by Board Members with voting privileges.
- c. Nominations for a candidate may only be submitted during the period beginning on the date that the Secretariat announces the elections and a call for nominations and shall end 60 days thereafter (the "Nominations Period").
- d. Nominations must be received in writing and addressed to the UNITAID Executive Secretary.
- e. Within 10 days after the end of the Nominations Period, the Executive Secretary shall inform the Board of all nominations received during the Nominations Period.
- f. Prior to deciding or voting on the election of a nominee, the nominee shall be asked whether he or she accepts the nomination.

4. Board Member Candidates

- a. Board Members may not nominate themselves for the office of Board Chair.

¹ The procedures reflected in this document will be incorporated into the Board Operating Procedures currently under consideration by the GWG.



- b. At least 30 days prior to the Board meeting at which the election will take place, the Board shall decide whether and which Board Member candidates should be interviewed by the full Board in a restricted session open only to Board Members, Alternates, the Executive Secretary, the Deputy Executive Secretary and other essential Secretariat staff as designated by the Executive Secretary.

5. External Qualified Personality Candidates

- a. Only a Board Member with voting privileges may nominate an External Qualified Personality for the office of Board Chair.
- b. A nomination of an External Qualified Personality must be accompanied by:
- A two to three-page letter by the candidate on his/her vision on the priorities and strategies of UNITAID;
 - The candidate's curriculum vitae which should be no more than two to three-pages in length;
 - Other supporting documentation, upon request by the Board.
- c. At least 30 days prior to the Board meeting at which the election will take place, the Board shall decide whether and which External Qualified Personality candidates should be interviewed by the full Board in a restricted session open only to Board Members, Alternates, the Executive Secretary, the Deputy Executive Secretary and other essential Secretariat staff as designated by the Executive Secretary.

6. Election Process

- a. The meeting at which an election is held shall be chaired by the Board Chair. If the election is for a Board Chair, the Vice-Chair shall chair the meeting. If the Vice-Chair is unavailable, then the Board shall agree on a Board Member to Chair the meeting.
- b. During the election no candidates shall be permitted in the meeting room.
- c. If there is only one candidate for the office of Board Chair, the election may proceed by acclamation. However, any Board Member with voting privileges may request that the election be subject to a vote instead of acclamation.

7. Decision making process

- a. The Board shall first use best efforts to reach a decision by consensus.
- b. If consensus is not reached, the matter shall be put to a secret vote.
- c. The candidate is elected when he/she receives a two-thirds majority of those Board Members present and voting. For the purpose of these Rules, the phrase "present and voting" means Board Members casting a valid affirmative or negative vote. Members abstaining from voting are considered as not voting.
- d. If during an election for only one elective place, no candidate obtains a two-thirds majority in the first ballot, a second ballot shall be taken which shall be restricted to the

two candidates obtaining the largest number of votes. If in the second ballot the votes are equally divided, the Board shall continue to vote on the two candidates until a two-thirds majority by one of the candidates is obtained.

- e. If a Board Member is a candidate for the office of Board Chair, the designated alternate for such Board Member shall cast the vote.

8. Credentials

- a. At least 10 days prior to the opening day of the Board meeting at which the election of the Board Chair shall take place, a letter from the relevant authority representing each Board Member shall be received by the Executive Secretary formally designating the Board Member and alternate who shall be empowered to participate in the Board meeting and election.

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