Resolution n°11-2024-e

Acceptance of a Specified Contribution from the European Commission and expansion of investments in new tools to reduce maternal mortality

Noting the European Commission’s offer to contribute €20 million to Unitaid, to support Unitaid’s work within the Area for Intervention: ‘New tools for reducing maternal mortality’, including through the expansion of the existing Unitaid-funded AMPLI-PPHI project (the Project);

Acknowledging that the terms attached to the proposed Specified Contribution detailed in the document entitled: “Specified Contribution Agreement Executive Summary Report” (UNITAID/2024/R11-e-ANNEX), include exceptional programmatic and financial arrangements, for which the Executive Board’s approval is required, in accordance with Unitaid’s Policy for Acceptance of Specified Contributions (“the Policy”) (UNITAID/EB43/2023/7); and in particular, that the amount of Overhead Cost Recovery (OCR) retained by Unitaid under the proposed arrangements will be less than the de minimis rate of 7% prescribed under the Policy;

Taking into account the assessment by the PRC of the proposed arrangements, together with the Secretariat’s recommendations in this respect, the Executive Board hereby waives the 7% de minimis requirement for ORC prescribed under the Policy and welcomes the Specified Contribution. The Board instructs the Secretariat to take any necessary administrative arrangements to both accept the funds and expand the Project, in line with the arrangements detailed in document UNITAID/2024/R11-e-ANNEX.

The Board acknowledges that in accordance with the arrangements detailed in document UNITAID/2024/R11-e-ANNEX, the European Commission’s Specified Contribution will be provided on the basis that up to €6.75 million is to be disbursed to UNFPA for agreed activities in support of the Project. The Board therefore authorizes the Executive Director to disburse these funds net of applicable Overhead Recovery Costs. The disbursement of the funds shall be subject to the signature of a separate legal agreement between Unitaid and UNFPA, reflecting and in line with the terms and conditions on which the contribution is received from the European Commission.

The Board also notes that the proposed arrangements include the additional commitment by Unitaid of up to €400,000 to co-fund the Project and hereby authorizes the Executive Director to commit these additional Unitaid funds.

Further arrangements for the implementation of the expansion of the Project in line with the European Commission’s funding terms and the review by the PRC will be subject to further,
separate authorizations by the Executive Board, in accordance with Unitaid’s established governance requirements.

Marisol Touraine  
Chair of the Unitaid Executive Board  
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