Resolution n°2
Additional Secretariat staffing to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic

Acknowledging the important leadership role that Unitaid continues to play in the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic within the ACT-Accelerator (ACT-A) and the need to ensure that the Secretariat is adequately staffed, both to perform this role and to deliver critical investments responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, in line with ACT-A’s priorities;

Referring to a recommendation of the Finance and Accountability Committee (as set out in UNITAID/FAC26/2020/3 Annex 5) and subsequent decision of the Executive Board (EB37/2020/R3) whereby the Board approved an additional staffing budget of $2,250,000 and authorised the Secretariat to engage additional temporary staff on contracts until the end of 2021, to ensure the availability of resource for Unitaid’s work in the response to COVID-19; and

Noting the further recommendations of the Finance and Accountability Committee on this issue, the Executive Board now authorizes the Secretariat to use all funds received as Overhead Recovery Charges on donor contributions ear-marked for investment in the COVID-19 response, to engage or extend the contracts of temporary staff needed for this work, up to 31 December 2022.

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