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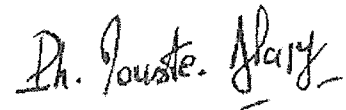
1. The UNITAID Board should hold a retreat in the first quarter of 2011 to consider how UNITAID's Strategy can best be taken forward in the light of the evolving international aid architecture for health and what the priority issues to address are. The retreat should be tightly focused and with clear outputs. The Board requests UNITAID's Policy & Strategy Committee (PSC) to lead the preparation and organisation of the retreat with the support of the Secretariat. As part of the preparation, the PSC should communicate UNITAID's Strategy to UNITAID's key implementing partners and listen to their views on how best this strategy should be implemented, what UNITAID's priorities should be, and how their strategies relate to UNITAID's. The Board requests the PSC to circulate to the Board proposals for (a) the retreat, including objectives and expected outcomes, and (b) the consultation exercise, before 31 July 2010. The PSC should finalise these proposals, having taken into account the views of the Board, before 30 September 2010.
2. The UNITAID Board agrees to undertake development work to further improve its effectiveness and cohesiveness. The Board requests the GC to circulate to the Board proposals for the implementation of this recommendation before 30 September 2010.
3. The UNITAID Board agrees on the need to strengthen its Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Framework, including by integrating UNITAID's Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) more closely therein. The Board requests UNITAID's Policy & Strategy Committee (PSC) to lead the implementation of this recommendation (with the support of the Secretariat) in consultation with UNITAID's other committees as appropriate. The Board requests the PSC to table recommendations on the development of UNITAID's M&E Framework for consideration at UNITAID's next Board meeting (EB13).

4. UNITAID should look to expand the number of contributing donors and, wherever possible donors should make multi-year funding commitments. The Board requests the UNITAID Chair to lead in implementing this recommendation with the support of UNITAID's Finance & Audit Committee and the Secretariat. The Board notes the importance that the Secretariat should strengthen its technical capacity to support the Chair in making the case to prospective new donors for introducing an air-tax levy or otherwise contributing to UNITAID. The Board requests the Chair and the Secretariat to make a joint report to UNITAID's next Board meeting (EB13) on the implementation of this recommendation.
5. The UNITAID Board resolves that it should follow its operating procedures strictly, including ensuring clarity over its decisions and transparency in the reporting of its decisions. The Board requests the UNITAID Chair to exercise his authority to ensure operating procedures are followed – and resolves to support him in this. The Board notes that the UNITAID Board Relations Officer will play an important role in assisting the Chair and Secretariat in this regard, and requests WHO to accelerate the recruitment process. The Board requests the Secretariat to circulate to the Board an update on this recruitment exercise before 31 July 2010 and furthermore requests the FAC to assess the need for an Executive Assistant to the Chair and report back to the Board by 30 September 2010.
6. The UNITAID Board requests that the Chair, Executive Secretary and Deputy Executive Secretary should hold a small workshop with 2-3 Board members and 2-3 Secretariat staff to identify how to improve communications and working arrangements between and within the Board, Committees and Secretariat, including the Board Relations Officer, and follow-up steps. The workshop should take place before 30 September 2010. It should be tightly focused and have clear objectives and outcomes. The Board requests the UNITAID Chair and Executive Secretary to circulate to the Board proposals on the workshop including objectives and expected outcomes before 31 July 2010.
7. The UNITAID Board requests that the Chair and the WHO Board Member hold a small workshop with 2-3 Board members and 2-3 WHO staff to review administrative services under the hosting agreement, including any obstacles preventing achievement of respective WHO and UNITAID Secretariat responsibilities, identification of ways to overcome such obstacles while ensuring alignment with WHO Rules and Regulations, as well as related administrative and financial costs. The workshop should take place before 30 September 2010.
8. The Board acknowledges the remarkable work of Dr Jorge Bermudez since 2007 as Executive Secretary of UNITAID and notes that his term of office will come to a conclusion 30 June 2011. The Board requests WHO to put underway the process of recruiting a successor to Dr Bermudez (as set out in Annex A of the WHO-

UNITAID Hosting Agreement). The Board recommends to WHO that it should hire an executive search firm to assist in this recruitment exercise. The Board requests WHO to circulate to the Board a draft post description and recruitment profile, and a proposal for how the recruitment will be undertaken, before 30 June 2010 – and to finalise this, working together with the Board through its Chair, before 31 July 2010. The Board then requests WHO to put the recruitment exercise under way at the latest before 30 September 2010, and to provide an update on the recruitment process to the next UNITAID Board meeting (EB13).

9. The Board notes the importance of listening to, acting upon and being seen to act upon, feedback from its implementing partners and from communities receiving medicines or diagnostics funded by UNITAID. The Board requests the Communications Committee with the support of the Secretariat to report back to the next Board meeting (EB13) with recommendations on how UNITAID should improve its performance in this regard.

10. The Board notes the value of the Partnership Diagnostic exercise – and requests the Governance Committee to make a recommendation to the next Board meeting (EB13) on whether and if so when and how a similar exercise should be undertaken in the future.



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