



Executive Board
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Resolution n°10

Implementation of the Voluntary Solidarity Contribution (VSC) Project

Pursuant to resolution EB - TC1 - 2008 / Res 1 of the UNITAID Board on 17 April 2008, in which the Board decided to support the implementation of a Voluntary Solidarity Contribution (VSC) project as described in the document EB7/2008/9/1, the Board considered the progress achieved and identified the next steps required before finalizing a Resolution to implement the VSC project.

Recognizing the need to expedite the process, given the considerable progress already made by other contributors (notably the GDS companies), the Board hereby decides:

-- To take forward its continuing deliberations through a series of at least two (2) Board conference calls, between 16 July and 23 July 2008, during which the Board expects to reach agreement on the outstanding issues necessary to finalize an implementing Resolution to be discussed at an extraordinary meeting of the Board;

-- All Board Members will submit any remaining questions to Dr Bernard Salomé, Director of the VSC project, by COB 15 July 2008. Responses will be promptly provided to the question, with circulation to the entire Board, with the support of WHO and the UNITAID Secretariat.

-- To fund the immediate selection and retention of Swiss legal counsel to provide assistance to the Director of the VSC and the UNITAID Secretariat in facilitating the VSC project, pursuant to the Request for Proposals issued on 9 June 2008 by the UNITAID Executive Secretary;

- For the transition period until the extraordinary meeting, commits up to the amount of 205,000 USD to support the transition activities of the VSC, together with the support of WHO and the UNITAID Secretariat, as follows (i) engagement of Swiss counsel during this period; (ii) hiring of temporary staff and consultants; (iii) travel and administrative expenses, (iv) and such other appropriate expenditures to enable the expeditious start up of the VSC in July 2008 subject to the preparation of an agreed budget.

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