NGO DELEGATION

Increased involvement of civil society in the Programme Coordinating Board

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BACKGROUND

- Ground-breaking inclusion of civil society in UNAIDS PCB.
- 2006: Independent Review of Civil Society participation in PCB
  - 4 recommendations and > 70 ‘options for action’.
- 2007: Recommendations presented to 20th PCB Meeting:
  - Some endorsed (e.g. for Communications Facility)
  - Some not endorsed or directly addressed.
- 2008: Agenda item for 23rd PCB Meeting:
  - Opportunity to propose further concrete recommendations
Progress to Date

Progress achieved since Independent Review:

- **NGO Delegation to PCB** – enhanced communication and coordination, with Communications Facility supporting NGO Delegation to:
  - Operationalize updated TORs,
  - Broadly disseminate PCB information relevant to civil society
  - Adopt and implement self-appraisal tool for NGO Delegates
  - Strengthen internal communications and infrastructure
  - Collaborate with other civil society leaders in response to HIV
  - Strengthen relationships with other members of PCB
  - Improve dialogue & relationship building with civil society delegations to international organizations, such as UNITAID, the Global Fund, IHP+, GAVI
RECOMMENDATIONS

Broad consultation with stakeholders based on a stocktaking of the 2006 recommendations:

- Interviews with 25 key informants
- E-consultation carried out in 5 languages with 183 participants from all regions
- Focus group discussions with 3 groups of civil society stakeholders

These recommendations had the broadest base of support
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Encourage Member States to integrate one or more representatives of civil society within their national Delegations to PCB meetings.
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2. Support ongoing improvements in the preparation of PCB meetings

• Hold Bureau meetings ‘in person’

• Provide a simple ‘road map’ for key Board documents

• Encourages submission of key documents 8 weeks prior to PCB meetings to facilitate local translation
3. Increase engagement of civil society at regional levels

- Opportunities to interact with UNAIDS Regional Support Teams
- Caucuses as part of an ongoing regional meeting once every two years
4. Acknowledge two areas that civil society participants felt were better placed with the Independent Evaluation Team

- The wider participation of Civil Society participation in UNAIDS program as a whole
- Analysis of voting status of the NGO Delegation
RECOMMENDATIONS

5. Review progress on this agenda item in 2010