THIRTY-FIRST MEETING
DATE: 11-13 December 2012
VENUE: Executive Board Room, WHO, Geneva

Agenda item 8

Election of Officers
Additional documents for this item: none

Action required at this meeting- the Programme Coordinating Board is invited to: elect officers for the period 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013 and to approve the composition of the PCB NGOs.

Cost implications for decisions: none
1. In accordance with the Modus Operandi of the Programme Coordinating Board (paragraph 22), the Board is expected to elect from among its members, and States elected as members as of 1 January 2013, a chair, a vice chair and a rapporteur.

2. The Modus Operandi foresees the Programme Coordinating Board to elect the current vice chair, India, to the position of chair for a term starting on 1 January, 2013. This meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board must also elect a vice chair and a rapporteur for a term of one year starting on 1 January, 2013.

3. In doing so, the attention of the Programme Coordinating Board is drawn to paragraph 21 of the Modus Operandi which states that: “Officers will be elected taking into account a fair geographical distribution.”

4. Under the provisions of the Modus Operandi, the following Member States will be eligible for election as an officer of the Board on the basis that they will be members starting 1 January, 2013:

   1. Australia
   2. Bangladesh
   3. Belgium
   4. Brazil
   5. China
   6. Congo
   7. Djibouti
   8. Egypt
   9. Germany
  10. Guyana
  11. India
  12. Iran (Islamic Republic)
  13. Japan
  14. Mexico
  15. Norway
  16. Poland
  17. Russian Federation
  18. Sierra Leone
  19. Switzerland
  20. United Kingdom
  21. United States of America
  22. Zimbabwe

5. It should be noted that in accordance with the Modus Operandi (paragraph 22), for States elected as a member as of 1 January 2013 a written statement of interest is required to be elected as an officer. The Programme Coordinating Board Chair has received notes verbales, from the Western Europe and other States (WEOG) coordinator nominating Australia for the post of the Programme Coordinating Board vice chair and from the Africa Group coordinator nominating Congo for the post of the Programme Coordinating Board rapporteur.

6. In accordance with paragraph 2b of the Annex of ECOSOC Resolution 1995/2:

   “(b) The process of identification of the non-governmental organizations that sought to participate in the work of the Board would be determined by the non-governmental organizations themselves. The Board would formally approve the nomination of those organizations;”

Accordingly, the Programme Coordinating Board is requested to approve the new members of the Programme Coordinating Board NGO delegation for 2013 as follows:
Europe:

European AIDS Treatment Group, Macedonia

Eurasian Harm Reduction Network, Lithuania

North America:

Housing Works, United States of America

7. The Programme Coordinating Board is invited to elect officers for the period 1 January to 31 December 2013 and to approve the composition of the PCB NGOs.