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The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions in Geneva, to Organizations of the United Nations system and to the other Nongovernmental Organizations dealing with matters pertaining to HIV/AIDS not represented on the Programme Coordinating Board (PCB).

UNAIDS has the honour to inform the aforementioned Missions and Organizations that the twenty-second meeting of the PCB will be held from 23-25 April 2008 at the Holiday Inn hotel in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The meeting will have a thematic segment focussed on "Diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis (TB) among people living with HIV and how UNAIDS can work with TB communities". A copy of the provisional agenda is attached hereto.

The opening session will begin at 08h30 on 23 April 2008. A UNAIDS welcome desk will be set up in the Holiday Inn Hotel from 09.00 – 17.00 from 21-25 April where access badges and meeting documentation and information will be available for delegates. The meeting is expected to finish at 18:00 on 25 April 2008. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for the regular segment in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. A note with logistical information for participants is attached.

Prior to the formal opening of the PCB, field visits are being arranged for interested PCB participants on 22 April 2008. Those interested in participating in a field visit should kindly inform the UNAIDS Secretariat using the enclosed registration form. The schedule of the field visits as well as other details will be provided to participants in due course.

UNAIDS wishes to draw the attention of the Missions and Organizations to the Modus Operandi of the PCB, which includes a provision allowing the Executive Director of UNAIDS, in consultation with the PCB Chairperson and upon receipt of a written application expressing a manifest interest, to grant observer status for PCB meetings to any Member State of any of the UNAIDS Cosponsoring Organizations, and any intergovernmental or nongovernmental organization. Observers shall make their own arrangements to cover expenses incurred in attending meetings of the PCB including any visa requirements. To facilitate logistical arrangements, applications for observer status, accompanied by a completed registration form (attached), must be received at UNAIDS by 25 March 2008 at the latest.

UNAIDS wishes to take this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions in Geneva, to Organizations of the United Nations system and to the Nongovernmental Organizations, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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