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To Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

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**PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATION AND ELECTION
OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

Outline: The following document includes information on the procedures that apply to the nomination of candidates for the position of Chair and Vice Chair of the Board and to the election that will take place at the Fifteenth Board Meeting.

Decision Points:

1. [X] of the [X] constituency is elected as Chair of the Board for the period commencing upon the adjournment of the Fifteenth Board meeting until the adjournment of the first Board meeting of 2009.
2. [X] of the [X] constituency is elected as Vice Chair of the Board for the period commencing upon the adjournment of the Fifteenth Board meeting until the adjournment of the first Board meeting of 2009.

Part One: Background

1. Under Article 7.3 of the By-laws of the Global Fund, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board each serve a term of two years. The current Chair of the Board, Dr. Carol Jacobs, was elected at the Tenth Board meeting in April 2005. At the same Board meeting, Professor Michel Kazatchkine was elected as Vice Chair for a term of two years. Professor Kazatchkine resigned from his position as Vice Chair in January 2006 and Dr. Lieve Fransen was elected as Vice Chair by email vote on 23 March 2006 to complete the Vice-Chair's term.¹

2. Under Section 18 of the Board Operating Procedures, the elections for the Chair and Vice Chair take place at the first Board meeting of the year. The elections are therefore due to occur at the Fifteenth Board meeting.²

3. The elections will take place as the first item of business at the Fifteenth Board meeting on 25 April 2007. This paper provides information on the nominations and election process for these two appointments.

Part Two: Timing for Nominations

1. Article 19 of the Board Operating Procedures provides the following guidance on the announcement of forthcoming elections and nominations:

19. Nomination

The Secretariat shall announce forthcoming elections and call for nominations at least 40 days in advance of the election.

Nominations may be received any time prior to the election, though nominations should be received by the Secretariat 20 days prior to the election. Candidates are eligible for election when they have been nominated, and their nomination has been seconded, by Board members with voting privileges, and they have confirmed to the Secretariat that they accept the nomination

2. The Secretariat is announcing, by means of this paper, the elections and call for nominations for the position of Chair and Vice Chair of the Board. Nominations may be received by the Secretariat up to the commencement of the agenda item on the election of the Chair and Vice Chair on 25 April 2007.

3. Nominations must be made, and seconded, by voting Board Members using the attached Nomination Forms, Annexes 1 and 2. In order for a nomination to be valid, it must be accepted by the person who is being nominated.

¹ See By-Laws, Article 12: "Individuals selected or appointed to fill vacant positions shall hold such positions for the unexpired term of their predecessor."

² The Special Board meeting that took place in February 2007 was not a regular Board meeting and could not therefore be considered to be the first Board meeting of the year for the purposes of Section 18 of the Board Operating Procedures.

Part Three: Eligibility for Election:

1. Article 7.3 of the Bylaws includes guidance on eligibility for the position of Chair and Vice Chair:

7.3. Chair and Vice Chair

Board Members will select the Chair and the Vice Chair of the Foundation Board from among voting Board Members, provided that the two positions will alternate every two years between the voting groups described in Article 7.6.

2. Candidates for the position of Chair or Vice Chair of the Board must accordingly be voting Board Members. As positions alternate between the different voting groups, in this instance the **new Chair must come from the donor voting block**, (namely, from the eight donor representatives, one representative of the private sector and one representative of private foundations); and **the new Vice Chair must come from the recipient voting block**, (namely, from the seven developing country representatives, two representatives of non-governmental organizations, and the representative of an NGO who is a person living with HIV/AIDS or from a community living with tuberculosis or malaria).

Part Four: The Election and Voting Process

1. The Chair of the Board will hold the election for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Board as the first item of business at the Fifteenth Board Meeting on 25 April 2007. The election will be undertaken in accordance with Article 20 of the Board Operating Procedures as set out below:

20. Voting Process

The Chair shall conduct the election, or, in the event the Chair is a candidate, the Vice Chair. In the event both the Chair and the Vice Chair are candidates, the Rapporteur shall conduct the election.

During the election no candidates shall be permitted in the meeting room. If there is only one candidate for the position, the process shall proceed by acclamation.

2. Therefore, if there is only one candidate, he or she will be acclaimed. If there is more than one candidate for either or both positions, the election will be conducted under the authority of the Chair. In the first instance, the Board will employ its best efforts to elect a candidate by consensus. In the event that voting is necessary, it will take place in accordance with Article 7.6 of the By-laws (cited below); a candidate will accordingly be elected if he or she receives the preference of at least two-thirds majority of those present in the “donor” and “recipient” voting groups.

7.6. Operations

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The Board shall use best efforts to reach all decisions by consensus. If all practical efforts by the Board and the Chair have not led to consensus, any member of the Board with voting privileges may call for a vote. In order to pass, motions require a two-thirds majority of those present of both: a) the group encompassing the 8 donor seats and the 2 private sector seats and b) the group encompassing the 7 developing country seats, the 2 nongovernmental organization seats, and the representative of an NGO who is a person living with HIV/AIDS or from a community living with tuberculosis or malaria.

3. As contemplated in the procedures that were devised by the second Chair of the Board for the purpose of the election of the Chair and Vice Chair at the Tenth Board Meeting, the voting will take place by roll call.

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The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Nomination Form	
Position	Chair of the Board
Name	
Title	
Country/Organization	
Constituency	
Nominated By	Board member: Constituency:
Seconded By	Board member: Constituency:
Nomination Accepted by Candidate	
Date of Submission	

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Nomination Form	
Position	Vice Chair of the Board
Name	
Title	
Country/Organization	
Constituency	
Nominated By	Board member: Constituency:
Seconded By	Board member: Constituency:
Nomination Accepted by Candidate	
Date of Submission	