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# The Global Fund

To Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Nineteenth Board Meeting  
Geneva, 5 - 6 May 2009

GF/B19/8  
Decision

## PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE BOARD

### OUTLINE:

The following document provides 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 Nineteenth Board Meeting.

### *Decision Point 1: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board*

1. *[X] of the [X] constituency is elected as Chair of the Board for the period prescribed in article 7.3 of the By-laws and section 18 of the Board Operating Procedures.*

2. *[X] of the [X] constituency is elected as Vice-Chair of the Board for the period prescribed in article 7.3 of the By-laws and section 18 of the Board Operating Procedures.*

*This decision does not have material budgetary implications*

## PART ONE: BACKGROUND

1.1 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, Mr. Rajat Gupta, was elected at the Fifteenth Board meeting in April 2007. At the same Board meeting, Mrs. Elizabeth Mataka was elected as Vice-Chair.

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. Elections are therefore due to take place at the Nineteenth Board meeting on the 5 - 6 May 2009.

1.3 This paper provides information on the nomination and election process for these two appointments.

## PART TWO: NOMINATIONS

2.1 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*

2.2 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.

2.3 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.

## PART THREE: ELIGIBILITY FOR ELECTION

3.1 Article 7.3 of the Bylaws gives 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.*

3.2 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 implementing 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); and the **new Vice-Chair must come from the donor voting block** (namely, from the eight donor government representatives, one representative of the private sector and one representative of private foundations).

#### **PART FOUR: ELECTION AND VOTING PROCESS**

4.1 The Chair of the Board will hold the election for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board at the Nineteenth Board Meeting on 5 - 6 May 2009. 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.*

*If there is more than one candidate for the position, the Board shall proceed under the decision-making procedures outlined in Section 10.*

#### **Final Nominations**

4.2 Nominations for the position of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board will be accepted up until the beginning of the Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair agenda item.

4.3 Prior to the beginning of the Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair agenda item, the Chair / Vice-Chair shall request any final nominations for each position. Should any nominations arise at this time, the Chair shall request that these nominations be seconded and that the nominee accepts his or her nomination.

4.4 The Chair shall announce the close of nominations.

#### **Conduct of the Election**

4.5 The following common procedures shall govern the election of both the Chair and Vice-Chair.

- i. The Chair shall announce, in alphabetical order, the names of each of the candidates for the position.
- ii. If there is no more than one candidate for election for the position, the Chair shall announce that such nominee is acclaimed.

- iii. The Chair shall allow each candidate to address the Board for a maximum of five minutes. Questions from members of the Board or delegates will not be permitted.
- iv. The Chair will direct the candidates to leave the meeting room and the Alternate Board member of the relevant constituencies will hold the vote of the constituency for the election.
- v. The Board will use its best effort to reach the election decision by consensus.
- vi. If consensus is not apparent at the beginning of the discussion, the Chair shall hold a vote by roll call.
- vii. With respect to the election for the Chair of the Board:
  - a) The Chair shall commence soliciting the votes of each voting member of the implementing voting group, in alphabetical order. Each voting member will be asked to indicate the name of one preferred candidate.
  - b) When voting by the implementing block is completed, the voting shall proceed to the donor voting group, in alphabetical order. Each voting member will be asked to indicate the name of one preferred candidate.
- viii. With respect to the election for the Vice-Chair of the Board:
  - a) The Chair shall commence soliciting the votes of each voting member of the donor voting group in alphabetical order. Each voting member will be asked to indicate the name of one preferred candidate.
  - b) When voting by the donor country block is completed, the voting shall proceed to the implementing voting group in alphabetical order. Each voting member will be asked to indicate the name of one preferred candidate.
- ix. The Vice Chair, assisted by two designated Global Fund employees, will record the vote and submit the report to the Chair.

4.2 In accordance with the Board Operating Procedures, a candidate will require a two-thirds majority of those present of both the "implementing" and the "donor" voting groups to be successful.

### *7.6. Operations*

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*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.*

4.3 If the Board has reached a decision, the Chair shall announce the winner.

4.4 If no candidate has received a two-thirds majority of those present of both the implementing country voting group and the donor country voting group, the Chair and Vice-Chair shall decide, in their discretion, how the election shall proceed.

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

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