

TO: Members of the Policy Committee
A: Participants at the 19 June Policy Committee meeting
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FROM: The Secretary-General

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SUBJECT: Decisions of the Secretary-General – 19 June 2007 Policy Committee Meeting

OBJET:



Decision No. 2007/32- Strengthening the AIDS response

- i. **The Secretary-General approves the following immediate actions to strengthen the UN's response.**
 - a. To ensure one UN voice and support related advocacy efforts, UNAIDS and DPI, in consultation with the office of the DSG, will elaborate and launch by August 2007 a concerted AIDS communication and advocacy initiative for 2007-2008, building on the messages in Annex I, targeting vulnerable groups and including general information campaigns that provide accurate information about how HIV is transmitted and treated and behavioural changes needed to avoid the risk of infection. [Action: UNAIDS, DPI and ODSG]
 - b. To challenge stigma and discrimination and raise awareness, all relevant senior UN officials will meet publicly with groups of people living with HIV (including UN+) and visit AIDS programmes. [Action: all senior UN officials]
 - c. UNAIDS will develop a set of actions for 2007 and then elaborate a strategy for 2008 for the Secretary-General and the DSG to strengthen strategic partnerships in the AIDS response and broker further collaboration with the private sector, civil society, including faith-based organizations, media and foundations. [Action: UNAIDS]
- ii. **Reinforce AIDS as a UN system priority and the UN system's delivery as One**
 - a. Resident Coordinators will report on progress on implementing joint AIDS teams and programmes by January 2008. UNAIDS will present to undg recommendations for further action and also proposals on how to include response to AIDS in performance assessments of senior officials by March 2008. [Action: Resident Coordinators and UNAIDS]
- iii. **Ensure the UN system becomes a model workplace on AIDS for all staff**
 - a. The DSG will chair a Task Force that will, inter alia, respond to the concerns raised in the UN+ position papers and review the 2003 HIV in the Workplace Personnel Policy and look into policies aimed at ensuring confidentiality of medical records. [Action: DSG and DM]
 - b. DM and the undg Chair, in consultation with the DSG, will develop proposals by December 2007 on how the performance assessments of all senior officials, as well as Resident Coordinators, can include indicators of efforts to make the workplace free from harassment, stigma and discrimination. [Action: DM and undg]
 - c. DM will ensure that by September 2007 training on AIDS in the workplace is made mandatory for all staff at headquarters and in the field, including for managers and peacekeepers. [Action: DM]

- d. Drawing on lessons learned from current AIDS policies and programmes in peacekeeping missions, DPKO will develop by March 2008 a policy and guidance on AIDS and peacekeeping.
[Action: DPKO]

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