



Resolution n° R22-2018-e

“Accelerating Patient Access to Optimal Antiretrovirals and Relevant Health Products” Project

Recalling Unitaid Executive Board Resolution 6-2016-e of 30 August 2016, in which the Board approved the commitment of up to US\$34,116,827 for the Project entitled “Accelerating Patient Access to Optimal Antiretrovirals” (the “Optimal Project”) to be implemented by the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) for a three-year period;

Recalling Unitaid Executive Board Resolution 13-2016-e of 6 September 2016, in which the Board approved the commitment of up to US\$94,354,457 for Phase 2b of the Project entitled “Accelerating access and integration of innovative point of care HIV technologies in national diagnostic programs” (the “POC Project”) to be implemented by UNICEF and CHAI for a four-year period;

Noting the Secretariat’s update to the Policy and Strategy Committee on 10 October 2018, and the Secretariat’s written update to the Board of November 2018, in relation to the Optimal and POC Projects; and

Noting the strategic and technical coherence of funding activities associated with the diagnosis and treatment of Advanced HIV Disease (“AHD”) through the Optimal Project, together with the alignment of the proposed activities with the Board approved Area for Intervention: “Optimizing management of coinfections and comorbidities in people living with HIV”;

The Executive Board authorizes the Executive Director to:

- a) Decrease the approved funding ceiling for the POC Project by an amount of US\$ 20,075,828, representing savings made in that Project;
- b) Commit an additional amount of up to US\$ 20,075,828 to the Optimal Project, using savings from the POC Project, subject to the availability of funds;
- c) Extend the duration of the Optimal Project for a further 16 months to 31 December 2020; and
- d) Expand the scope of the Optimal Project to include activities associated with the diagnosis and treatment of AHD.

Funding is conditional upon signature of formal amendments of the grant agreements for the POC Project and the Optimal Project.

The Board also approves the change of name of the Optimal Project to “Accelerating Patient Access to Optimal Antiretrovirals and Relevant Health Products”.

Lead Organisations: (i) CHAI and UNICEF for the POC Project
(ii) CHAI for the Optimal Project

Project Duration: (i) 4 years for the POC Project
(ii) 4.5 years for the Optimal Project

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marta Maurás', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Marta Maurás
Chair of the Unitaid Executive Board

Date: 29 December 2018