



**Executive Board
Follow-up to the 7th Meeting
17 April 2008 – Conference call**

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Resolution

Additional Innovative funding mechanisms

Following its resolution EB7/R11 and in particular the Board decision taken in its 7th meeting in Brasilia for a review of the proposal for the Voluntary Solidarity Contribution in more details through a Conference Call, the UNITAID Board acknowledges the potential described in the plan and further elaborated in the decision document EB-TC1/2008 distributed on April the 14th.

In this context, and taken into account the clarifications provided in the Conference Call of April 17th, the Board decides to fully support the implementation of a Voluntary Solidarity Contribution (VSC) scheme as described in the document EB7/2008/9/1.

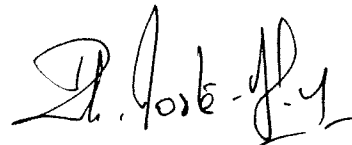
In addition, the Board has agreed to the following:

- to give “green light status” for further funding as discussed in EB7/2008/9/1, subject to further work on the budget and other issues up to July 2008;
- approve, as part of the provisional budget decided upon for the implementation of the scheme in Brasilia, a budget of USD 320 000 until end of July 2008;
- request the Director of the VSC scheme together with the UNITAID Secretariat to prepare a review of the most suitable options for the hosting of the team in charge of developing the VSC scheme, and for the governance and structure of the VSC; the Board further instructs the Director of the VSC scheme and UNITAID Secretariat to explore the scope for cooperation between UNITAID and the different options to be presented at the July Board meetings;

- mandate the UNITAID Secretariat together with the Director of the VSC scheme to seek an agreement for an appropriate temporary support team as described in the document distributed on April 14th to continue critical work with the GDS, planning for next steps and definition of the best options for the implementation of the VSC scheme;
- respectfully request the WHO to assist as much as possible the Director of the VSC Scheme and the UNITAID Secretariat in providing accelerated procurement and administrative procedures in order to ensure mobilization of resources needed for continuity of the VSC project and appropriate support by the WHO legal department in order to review options for the VSC scheme;
- confirm Dr. Bernard Salomé as Director in charge of the VSC scheme implementation.

The Board asks the Director of the VSC Scheme to report regularly and as deemed necessary on the progress achieved in the development of the VSC scheme, and in particular at the next Board meeting in July 2008, with a view to take all necessary decisions for full implementation of the VSC project. More generally, the Board requests the Director to report:

- on a trimestrial basis to UNITAID Secretariat;
- at each meeting of the Steering Committee as established by the Executive Board during its Conference Call on April the 17h;
- at each Executive Board meeting.



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