



**Executive Board
8th Session
2-3 July 2008 - Geneva, Switzerland**

Resolution n°1

**Action name: Safeguarding availability of ARV treatment
Organization (s): ESTHER (Ensemble pour une Solidarité
Thérapeutique Hospitalière en Réseau)**

The Board of UNITAID authorizes the Executive Secretary to commit up to US\$15 950 000 for the *Project aiming to Ease and Safeguard the Availability of ARV treatment and its good management for people living with HIV/AIDS.*

Lead recipient:

ESTHER

Purpose:

To optimize the use of products funded by UNITAID by increasing national capacities for managing the supply and distribution chain; by improving the quality of diagnostic practices, treatment and patient follow-up and; helping to improve monitoring and evaluation systems of care and access to anti-retroviral treatment programmes

Amount:

US\$15 950 000 over 3 years

Date of first disbursement:

1, November, 2008

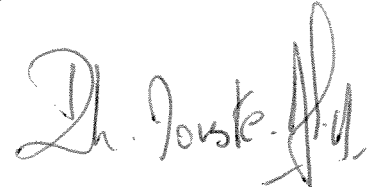
Conditions for UNITAID funding support:

ESTHER to address/ clarify the following to the satisfaction of the Expert reviewers:

- That the proposal does not duplicate similar efforts carried out by other organizations (e.g. the USAID-funded MSH programmes on Strengthening Pharmaceutical Systems), especially in Anglophone countries.
- Provision of detailed procurement and distribution plans, M&E and budgeting per country.
- Presentation of financial audit arrangements.

- Presentation of management approaches for ensuring sustained political commitments at all levels of the national procurement and supply chain management system - political commitment being a critical success factor for this project.

UNITAID funding support is conditional upon signature of a legal agreement with UNITAID.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ph. Douste-Blazy', written in a cursive style.

Philippe Douste-Blazy