

STATEMENT OF COOPERATION

between
THE JOINT UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME ON HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

and
THE FLEMISH GOVERNMENT

2006 to 2010

1. Objective

The objective of this statement of cooperation is to promote joint actions aimed at strengthening an expanded global response to the HIV epidemic, through enhanced collaboration, with a particular focus on the region and countries of the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

2. Guiding principles

UNAIDS and the Flemish Government are intensifying their collaboration at all levels and in particular are developing innovative ways of programming at the regional and country levels. Recognising the need to continue developing effective ways to strengthen joint action and drawing upon their respective institutional strengths, the UNAIDS Secretariat and the Flemish Government will:

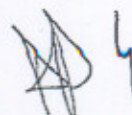
- Work to mobilise and support broad-based and multi-sectoral responses to HIV and AIDS, with a particular focus on the SADC region;
- Intensify collaboration at the headquarters/capital, regional and country levels;
- Together with their partners align their work with the recommendations of the Global Task Team;
- Endeavour to ensure their joint aid activities produce tangible results in accordance with agreed targets and indicators; and
- Systematically monitor performance and evaluate outcomes of their joint efforts.

3. Elements of cooperation

Roles and responsibilities

In working collaboratively, both parties agree to:

- Focus attention on the HIV epidemic, including prevention and the impact on individuals, communities and socio-economic development in the SADC region;
- Facilitate donor harmonisation, strengthen technical assistance and improve regional advocacy on HIV programmes for women, adolescent girls and children;
- Encourage and mobilise commitment of leaders from various sectors and help facilitate political leadership at the highest levels;



- Work to ensure integration of effective HIV and AIDS responses into development planning and programming at country, regional and global levels;
- Identify and promote the sharing of experiences at country and regional levels and encourage best practice and support to technical resource networks;
- Increase engagement with the private sector and work to increase its role in the response to HIV and AIDS, including the provision of resources;
- Identify areas for collaborative activities such as joint research projects; and
- Pursue the mobilisation of additional resources, both technical and financial, for HIV and AIDS initiatives in the SADC region.

The UNAIDS Secretariat will:

- Support the development and dissemination of normative standards and best practices on HIV and AIDS in the SADC region;
- Facilitate the scaling up towards universal access to prevention, treatment, care and support in the SADC region in line with the relevant international declarations;
- Ensure the appropriate profiling of the SADC region on the global AIDS agenda and in global strategy development and implementation;
- Coordinate Cosponsor activities in the SADC region in accordance with agreed national plans and the Global Task Team Report; and
- Facilitate and support, through the UNAIDS Regional Support Team for East and Southern Africa and the Regional Directors' Forum, the work on HIV and AIDS of the SADC secretariat and its Member States.

The Flemish Government will:

- Strengthen its support to the fight against HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa, in line with the priorities set out in the *Policy Note on Foreign Policy and International Cooperation, 2004-2009*;
- Participate in the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) as part of the Belgian delegation and support the implementation of decisions made by the PCB; and
- Provide an annual contribution to UNAIDS to support ongoing activities in the SADC region, to be determined through a subsequent exchange of letters.

Communication and coordination

UNAIDS and the Flemish Government undertake to maintain open and effective channels of communication.

- Decisions on programme collaboration and financial support will be made following discussions with the UNAIDS Secretariat at Headquarters and regional level.

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- Dialogue between the UNAIDS Secretariat and the Flemish Government will continue through interaction at the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board meetings as well as between UNAIDS Secretariat and Flemish Government officials in Geneva and in Southern Africa.

Monitoring and review

- UNAIDS and the Flemish Government will focus on the effectiveness of their collaborative efforts and their impact at country level when monitoring this Statement of Cooperation. If feasible, this could be incorporated within monitoring exercises carried out by groups of donors.
- In order to review the collaboration under this Statement of Cooperation, there will be annual consultations between the UNAIDS Secretariat and the Flemish Government. When possible, the Flemish Government will join multi-donor consultations organised by the UNAIDS secretariat.

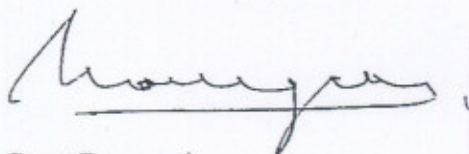
4. Amendment and duration

- This Statement of Cooperation may be amended by agreement in writing signed by both parties.
- This Statement of Cooperation covers a four year period effective from 1 October 2006 to 30 September 2010.

Both parties accept the above terms of the Statement of Cooperation.

Signed on behalf of
the Flemish Government

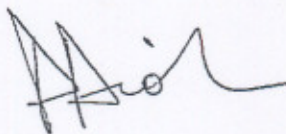
Brussels, 22 November 2006



Geert Bourgeois
Minister of Foreign Affairs

Signed on behalf of
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Geneva, 22 November 2006



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