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1. *Background*

Historically, Health Canada and UNAIDS have worked in close collaboration in a number of areas. As a UNAIDS Collaborating Centre between 1998 and 2002, Health Canada provided advice and technical support to UNAIDS and its country partners in the areas of epidemiology, surveillance, and laboratory science. The two entities have also collaborated in hosting international policy dialogues, satellite sessions at International AIDS Conferences and follow-up activities related to the UNGASS Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS.

2. *Mission and operations of respective organizations*

Health Canada's primary mandate is to protect and improve the health of Canadians. The domestic and global response to HIV/AIDS is an important priority for Health Canada.

UNAIDS's mission is to be the main advocate for worldwide action against HIV/AIDS, and to lead, strengthen and support an expanded response to the epidemic.

3. *Objective of Partnership Agreement*

The objective of this partnership is to promote joint actions aimed at strengthening an expanded global response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

4. *Principles governing partnership*

Throughout the implementation of this agreement, Health Canada and UNAIDS agree to respect and promote the following partnership principles:

- Transparency
- Co-ownership of processes with a focus on deriving synergies from the partnership
- Technically sound and politically endorsed common goals
- Inclusion of broader civil society including people living with HIV/AIDS
- Human rights and gender equity
- Integration of approaches related to prevention, care, treatment and support
- Capacity building with national governments in developing countries

5. Elements of partnership

5.1 Both parties agree to

- Identify joint activities through consensus.
- Cover the costs of their own participation in such activities unless otherwise negotiated.
- Pre-negotiate costs arising from assistance provided to third parties as a result of collaboration under this agreement.
- Pre-approve public announcements, media releases, publication, and use of logos resulting from joint collaboration.
- Appoint individual agency focal points to ensure implementation of this agreement and to act as interlocutors for all activities and issues that arise. The focal points will ensure agreement on specific areas of collaboration, and management of human, financial, and other resources. The focal point for UNAIDS will be Reeta Bhatia; Health Canada will identify its focal point in writing to UNAIDS in the near future.

5.2 Partnership Activities

Areas of partnership will be jointly determined and may include:

- Policy dialogues, satellite sessions, and other international learning events.
- Activities related to the International AIDS Conferences
- Development and dissemination of best practices
- Promotion, support and implementation of research action and related dissemination of results
- Provision of mutual technical expertise and collaboration on epidemiology, surveillance, modelling of the HIV epidemic and laboratory science.
- Participation in technical resource and policy networks as requested by either partner
- Support towards secondments of staff between Health Canada and UNAIDS.

5.3 Expected Outcomes

- Strengthened and expanded global response to the epidemic
- Promotion of horizontal learning (north-south and north-north)
- Strengthened Canadian engagement in the international HIV/AIDS response
- Enhanced technical knowledge and learning in HIV/AIDS science and research.

6. Duration/Amendment

This Agreement covers a three-year period effective June 17, 2003 to June 16, 2006. Either party may terminate the agreement with 90-days written notice.

7. Monitoring/Follow-up

- UNAIDS and Health Canada focal points for this agreement will monitor the activities under this agreement.
- This partnership will remain active through ongoing communication initiated by both parties via conference calls, regular meetings (at minimum, one annual face-to-face-meeting), and attendance at key activities resulting from or supporting this Partnership.
- Health Canada will provide a brief written annual report to UNAIDS summarizing the salient activities arising from this Partnership.
- Both partners will jointly evaluate the activities undertaken through this Partnership on an annual basis and summarize the results in a joint written report.

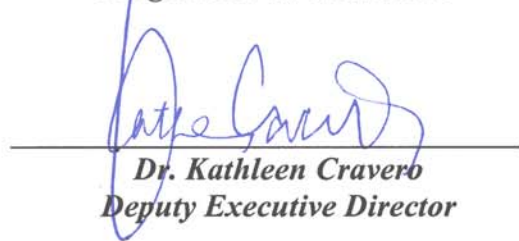
Signed in Ottawa, Canada, on June 17th, 2003, in duplicate in English and French, all texts being equally authentic.

For Health Canada



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