



**CIS EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE**



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **between the Commonwealth of Independent States Executive Committee and the Secretariat of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS**

*The Commonwealth of Independent States Executive Committee* (hereinafter, the **CIS Executive Committee**), and the Secretariat of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (hereinafter, the **UNAIDS**), collectively the **Parties**,

#### **considering the goals and principles, as outlined in:**

the United Nations Millennium Declaration (2000);

the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (2001);

the Dublin Declaration on Partnership to fight HIV/AIDS in Europe and Central Asia (2004);

the CIS Programme on Joint Actions on HIV/AIDS approved by the CIS Heads of States Council (2009);

the United Nations Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: Intensifying OUR Efforts to Eliminate HIV and AIDS (adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2011); and

Achieving Millennium Development Goals (MDG 6) in Eastern Europe and Central Asia: Action plan to Enhance Development Cooperation (Moscow, Russian Federation, 12 October 2011) and

**recognizing** the important role the UNAIDS plays to promote cooperation between the CIS member countries in HIV/AIDS response, as well as the role the Parties play to organize activities towards consolidating efforts of the Commonwealth of Independent States member governments in HIV/AIDS response,

#### **have agreed on the following:**

### **Purpose of the Memorandum**

This Memorandum aims to identify the general terms and conditions of cooperation between the Parties in HIV/AIDS response.

### **Areas of cooperation**

The major fields of cooperation involve the following:

- to develop cooperation between the government and civic organizations in the CIS member states that provide prevention, care and support for people living with HIV;
- to share CIS member states experience in addressing challenges in the HIV/AIDS response;
- to foster the CIS member states involvement in HIV/AIDS international activities;
- to strengthen cooperation towards achieving the goals outlined in the Action Plan to Enhance Development Cooperation "Achieving Millennium Development Goals (MDG 6) in Eastern Europe and Central Asia" (12 October 2011);

### **Implementation mechanism**

Implementation of this Memorandum provides for the following:

- authorized persons appointed by the Parties to coordinate mutual cooperation;
- the Parties' authorized persons participate in HIV/AIDS response activities/events;
- assessment of programmes and tools aimed at achieving the goals outlined in the Action Plan to Enhance Development Cooperation "Achieving Millennium Development Goals (MDG 6) in Eastern Europe and Central Asia" (Moscow, Russian Federation, 12 October 2011);
- support of HIV/AIDS response initiatives in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

### **Legal, applied, technical and financial tools**

Any changes or amendments to this Memorandum shall only be made after formalized written agreement between the both Parties.

The parties shall each implement this Memorandum in line with the rules and regulations and official decisions established by their respective authorities.

Each party shall cover its costs related to the implementation of this Memorandum.

Any dispute on the meaning or interpretation of any term set out or arising out of this Memorandum, shall be resolved by mutual agreement of the Parties.

Either Party may terminate this Memorandum by giving the other Party no less than six (6) months written notice.

Termination of this Memorandum by either Party will not affect the fulfillment of previously made obligations.

Any other obligations, expenses and activities undertaken by either Party or by both Parties under this Memorandum must be deliberately agreed and approved by the other Party.

This Memorandum shall come into force on the effective date and shall continue in force for three (3) years.

This Memorandum may be amended or prolonged by mutual written consent of the Parties.

This memorandum is made in the city of Geneva on the day of September 30, 2013 in two (2) original copies in Russian and in English, both having equal legal force, one of which resides at the CIS Executive Committee and the other at the UNAIDS Secretariat.

SIGNED BY:

**S. LEBEDEV**



**M. SIDIBE**



**Chairperson of the Executive Committee  
Executive Secretary of The  
Commonwealth of Independent States**

**Executive Director of the  
Joint United Nations Programme on  
HIV/AIDS**