

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON TB AND HIV/AIDS**

City of Kyiv

24 March 2016

Participants: according to the list (attached hereto)

Agenda: attached hereto

**On the Results of the Meeting
of the National Council on TB and HIV/AIDS in accordance with its Agenda**

1. The information of the Director of SI 'Ukrainian Centre for Socially Dangerous Disease Control of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine', member of the National Council on TB and HIV/AIDS (hereinafter referred to as the National Council), Chairperson of the Program Committee of the National Council N.M.Nizova (items No. 1 and No. 3 of the Agenda), P.L.Smyrnov – Deputy Executive Director for Program Activities of the ICF 'Alliance for Public Health', V.I.Kurpita – Executive Director of the AUCO 'All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS' and G. Sakvarelidze – Senior Portfolio Manager of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (item 1 of the Agenda), S.I.Ostashko – Head of the Department for Public Health of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine (item 2 of the Agenda), O.Y.Semeryk – a member of the Expert Group on Development of Amendments and Restatements for the Rules and Regulations of the National Council and its Composition (item 4 of the Agenda), Chairperson of the Oversight Committee of the National Council N.V.Salabay (item 5 of the Agenda) was taken into consideration.

2. To take into account the information of the Senior Portfolio Manager of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (hereinafter referred to as the Global Fund) G. Sakvarelidze that in case Ukraine fails to implement its commitments to provide state financing for substitution maintenance therapy (hereinafter referred to as SMT) the Global Fund shall have legal grounds to deduct 15% (USD 27 million) from the amount allocated to Ukraine for financing years of 2015-2017. However, if there are evidences that SMT programs will be financed by the state in 2017, the Global Fund shall not deduct 15% of the budget, but shall allocate additional USD 4 million to be reinvested in high-impact activities, in particular, in treatment of multi-drug resistant tuberculosis. To recommend the Ministry of Health of Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as MoH of Ukraine) to take actions ensuring state financing of SMT programs in 2017 and the best use of savings that might result from implementation of programs, in particular, by improvement of treatment regimens/schemes, while implementing state target programs and its comprehensive program activities at the expense of the state budget of 2016 with involvement of international organizations.

3. To approve in principle the Draft Strategy of Sustainable Response to Tuberculosis, including Chemically Resistant Tuberculosis, and HIV/AIDS Epidemics till 2020 as well as its Implementation Action Plan (hereinafter referred to as the Draft Strategy) and to finalize these documents later on.

4. MoH of Ukraine should provide for finalization and submission of the Draft Strategy and its Implementation Action Plan to relevant central executive authorities in order to make it agreed with them and to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine for approval in accordance with a defined procedure and to publish the Strategy.

5. While finalizing the Strategy and its Implementation Action Plan to take into account the measures envisaged by the Action Plan of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine for 2016 approved by the resolution of the CMU dated 16.03.2016 No. 184-r as well as regulations mentioned in the letter of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine to MoH of Ukraine dated 21.03.2016 No. 4013/0/14-16/56.

6. Taking into account the critical situation with procurement of antiretrovirals (hereinafter referred to as ARVs) at the expense of the State Budget and the fact that Ukraine will run short of them at the end of March 2016, which creates a threat for HIV/AIDS-infected patients to interrupt their treatment as well as the critical situation with procurement of diagnostic HIV-tests (including pregnancy tests), laboratory test systems for determination of HIV-status and monitoring of ART efficiency as well as the threat that the Global Fund might deduct USD 27 million in case Ukraine fails to comply with Special Conditions of Framework Agreements related to transition of SMT programs in 2017 to full state financing, to entrust MoH of Ukraine to prepare a letter on behalf of the National Council to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine regarding immediate actions to be taken in order to allocate the required financing for implementation of priority tasks and measures of the National Target Social HIV/AIDS Program for 2014-2018: diagnostics of HIV-infection (purchase of test systems for laboratory studies); provision of access to HIV-infected patients to uninterrupted ART (purchase of ARVs); provision of laboratory support for determination of HIV-status and efficiency of ART (purchase of test systems for laboratory studies); provision of drug-dependent people with SMT (purchase of SMT drugs), as requested by MoH of Ukraine from the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine

until 7 April 2016.

7. To approve the Work Plan and the Oversight Plan of the National Council for 2016.

8. The Oversight Committee and the Secretariat of the National Council should provide for implementation of the Oversight Plan for 2016.

9. The members of the National Council should send to the e-mail address of the National Council their concrete and well-grounded proposals for the draft document containing amendments and restatements for the resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated 11 of July 2007 No. 926 'Some Issues of the Fight with Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS' regarding a guaranteed membership in the National Council of representatives of high-risk population as far as HIV and tuberculosis are concerned (hereinafter referred to as draft document with amendments and restatements)

until 5 April 2016

10. The Expert Group on Development of Amendments and Restatements for the Rules and Regulations of the National Council, which is also in charge for ensuring a guaranteed membership in the Council to representatives of high-risk population as far as HIV and tuberculosis are concerned, should finalize and generalize the proposals of the National Council members submitted to the Secretariat and submit once again in an electronic form the draft document with amendments and restatements to the Secretariat of the National Council

until 9 April 2016.

11. The Secretariat of the National Council should provide the members of the National Council with the proposals received in order to agree upon them in the course of e-mail exchanges

until 14 April 2016.

12. With the objective of ensuring additional revision of documents and making reasonable decisions agreed with relevant electoral groups regarding item 6 of the Agenda, the Secretariat of the National Council should provide for according to clauses 10 and 13 of the Rules and Regulations of the National Council the following:

12.1. Tele-mediated discussion of the issue

until 7 April 2016.

12.2. Decisions to be made by the members of the National Council as a result of exchange of letters or e-mails

until 15 April 2016.

Co-chairmen:

**Deputy Minister of Health
Member of the Coordination Council of the AUCO
'All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV',
Deputy Chairman of the National Council**

Ihor PEREHINETS

Volodymyr ZHOVTIAK