SUMMARY SHEET

Agenda Nr. 2.04/9 Subject Gold Standard for Drug Supply

For Information □ For Discussion □ For Decision □

Introduction

National programmes should be required to meet suitable standards for their supply of drugs for TB control

Summary

All country programmes should meet suitable standards in their supply of drugs for TB control. Assessing each country in areas such as quality assurance, procurement, finances related to drug supply and drug management should determine how well each programme meets standards. Countries who are not yet meeting standards should be supported in ways that bring them up to standard. External support, including drug supply, should also meet standards and be structured so as to enable programmes to meet their standards.

Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board

CB should become fully informed of this direction and understand the implications for national programmes and the GDF.

Next steps and time frame

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