## Rationale:

The independent external evaluation is a major event in the life of the Stop TB Partnership. The evaluation makes an objective assessment of the impact the Stop TB Partnership has had since its inception. This assessment gives pointers to where the Stop TB Partnership made significant contribution and indicates where its’ performance could be strengthened. The findings of the evaluation need to be discussed by the Coordinating Board. This session is to discuss with McKinsey the final report and recommendations of the external evaluation. Decisions will be taken in Session 7 on which recommendations to take forward.

## Summary:

The evaluation report for the period under review, 2001-2006, unambiguously concludes the Stop TB Partnership has significantly contributed to global efforts to stop tuberculosis. Progress in global tuberculosis control and research over 2001-2006 has been greater than it would have been without the Stop TB Partnership. The report concludes that the Stop TB Partnership has had impact in five ways:

1. Expanding and strengthening the coalition of organizations involved in tuberculosis control and research, e.g., increasing community and private sector involvement;

2. Broadening the agenda for tuberculosis control and research, increasing consensus on the agenda, e.g., via the Global Plans and strengthening guidance, and/or via the activities of the Working Groups;

3. Expanding the reach, and increasing the strength of global advocacy, e.g., through conducting high-level missions to countries;

4. Coordinating and supporting Partner activities in key areas including technical assistance to countries, some of which have also benefited other functions and disease programs in countries’ health systems;

5. Improving tuberculosis control in countries, both directly, e.g., via GDF/GLC, and indirectly through other activities such as advocacy and partnership building.

## Decisions requested (from the Stop TB Coordinating Board)

- To formally accept the final report of the External Evaluation.

## Implications (political/financial/staffing etc):

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