Moving towards a new framework for supporting countries to scale-up MDR-TB management (2.10-4.0)

Recognizing and commending the excellent work of the MDR-TB Working Group since our meeting in Johannesburg in October 2010, the Board:

• Strongly endorses the proposed shift from project management to integration of MDR-TB management into national TB programmes with a view to achieving universal access.

• Endorses the process of transition based on the broad components of the framework as presented by the MDR-WG. (The draft paper needs to be sharpened and become an official document so that it can be referenced.)

• Requests the Stop TB Partnership secretariat to develop with the MDR-TB working group a detailed transition plan by the end of January 2011 to include, but not limited to, resources needed for implementation of the new system including management of technical assistance, drug procurement (working with GDF), the roles and responsibilities of the TBTEAM, WHO, Stop TB partnership secretariat, donors, countries, etc. The transition plan should also articulate the oversight of the proposed functions by WHO and the Stop TB partnership CB.

• The transition plan should be developed in consultation with partners including affected communities, civil society, donors and implementing countries.

• The transition plan should be presented for discussion at a broad consultation to be held before the end of January 2011. It needs to be submitted to the CB for approval at next CB meeting in April 2011.

Dated: 11 November 2010

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Giuliano Gargioni.
Executive Secretary, a.i.

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Chair