

Minutes of the 65th CCM meeting

June 6, 2013

Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs

CCM Members:

Sandra E. Roelofs - Chairperson of the CCM;

David Sergeenko- Minister of Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia (MoLHSA);

Archil Talakvadze – Ministry of Corrections and Legal Assistance, Deputy Minister;

Tea Tarielashvili – on behalf of Ketevan Natriashvili, Deputy Minister of Education and Science;

Amiran Gamkrelidze – National Center of Disease Control and Public Health;

Tengiz Tsertsvadze - Infectious Diseases, AIDS and Clinical Immunology Center, General Director;

Mamuka Japaridze - Director of National Center for Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases;

Khatuna Todadze - Research Institute on Addiction, Deputy General Director;

Akaki Lochoshvili –GPIC, Executive Director;

Lia Tavadze - UNAIDS adviser;

Tamar Sirbiladze – USAID, Senior Health Advisor;

Sergo Chikhladze – Tanadgoma, Center for Information and Counseling on Reproductive Health, Chairperson;

Maia Baratashvili – Zurab Danelia's Union "Tanadgoma", Director;

Maia Kavtaradze – GOPA/EPOS, Project Coordinator;

Rusudan Klimiasvili – WHO, Country Coordinator;

Tamar Gabunia – USAID Tuberculosis Prevention Project, Chief of Party

David Ananiashvili - “Georgian Plus Group”, Director;

Elguja Meladze- Employers’ Association of Georgia, President;

Iza Bodokia – HIV/AIDS Support Foundation, Director;

Guests/Observers:

Mariam Jashi – MoLHSA, Deputy Minister;

Marika Gogvadze – Local Fund Agent, Team leader;

Nicolas Cantau – GFATM, Regional Manager EECA;

Tsovinar Sakanyan - GFATM, Fund Portfolio Manager;

David Kokiashvili - GFATM, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, EECA;

Samantha Huffman - GFATM, Senior Program Officer; EECA

Sheila Boehm - GFATM, Legal Officer

Peter Welch – Expert, GFA, Fiscal Agent of GFATM;

Vasil Janjgava - Expert, GFA, Fiscal Agent of GFATM;

Nata Avaliani – HRU, Advisor on Public Health issues;

Konstantine Labartkava - New Vector, Board Chairman;

Paata Sabelashvili – Georgian Harm Reduction Network, Programme Manager;

David Shubladze – LGBT Georgia;

Giorgi Soselia – Real People, Real Vision;

CCM Secretariat:

Eka Iashvili – TB Technical Consultant/Executive Secretary;

Maia Tsereteli – HIV/AIDS Consultant

Natia Khonelidze – Administrative Assistant

Agenda

13:00 – 13:10	Opening speech /remarks Mrs. Sandra E. Roelofs , Chairperson of the CCM
13:10 – 13:20	Welcome speech /remarks Mr. David Sergeenko , Minister of Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia

13:20 – 13:30	Overview of EECA Constituency Regional Meeting (Istanbul, Turkey, 25th April, 2013) Ms. Nata Avaliani - Health Research Union, Advisor on Public Health issues
13:30 – 13:45	Projects Implementation status/the issue of ARV and anti-TB drugs/the issue of rehabilitation of AIDS Center Mr. Akaki Lochoshvili – GPIC, Executive Director
13:45 – 13:50	Introduction of the Fiduciary Agent
13:50 – 14:05	The issue of the Principal Recipient of the GF grants/discussion
14:05 – 14:20	HIV/AIDS and TB phase 2 proposals/discussion
14:20 – 14:30	The construction of the NRL Ms. Maia Kavtaradze - GOPA/EPOS, Project Manager; GPIC, TB Program Manager
14:30 – 14:40	Questions/Answers and brief announcements

Sandra E. Roelofs - greeted the participants and thanked them for coming. The Chairperson introduced the observers/guests of the meeting and overviewed the agenda. Mrs. Roelofs briefed the attendees on the important developments of the recent period giving special emphasize to the pre-selection process of the Principal Recipient and to the HIV/AIDS phase 2 request resubmission. The Chairperson gave the floor to **Mr. Sergeenko**.

David Sergeenko – greeted the audience and underlined the importance of the issues to be discussed, the significance of the GFATM projects for the country and wished the audience fruitful and productive discussions.

Sandra E. Roelofs - brought to the attention of the attendees the following important events of the recent period. Mrs. Roelofs participated in her capacity of WHO Goodwill Ambassador at the 16thWolfheze Workshop (The Hague, Netherlands, May 28 – 31). In April, 2013, Mrs. Roelofs had a meeting with Dr. Antoni Fauci, Director of National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institute of Health, the USA. Mr. Fauci had expressed his enthusiasm to have a joint conference with the MoLHSA/NCDC. Mrs. Roelofs highly emphasized the role of Mr. Fauci in expanding contacts with National Cancer Institute and planned future collaboration in getting in touch with the Institute of Mental Health as well. The Chairperson expressed her appreciation towards Mr. Fauci for donating to her his book on infectious diseases. *Slides were shown*. The Chairperson overviewed the site visits to TB clinics in the regions of Georgia conducted by her and several CCM members in May, 2013. Mrs. Roelofs noted that one of the biggest concern identified during the site visits was suspension of food voucher program and

added that during the separate meeting with the delegation of the GFATM it was promised that the food voucher program will be restarted even with the retro-perspective envisaging the compensation for the lost months (as of January 2013). The Chairperson mentioned the Harm Reduction Conference held in Tbilisi on March 25-28th and the Immunization Week that was an event of the paramount importance taking into account the recent measles outbreak in the country. Afterwards Mrs. Roelofs raised an issue of the GFATM Board membership for 2014-2016 and thanked the CCM and the Minister of Health for nominating her to this position and for continuous support and trust. Mrs. Roelofs presented to the audience the article of Dr. Dybul, Executive Director of the GFATM (“The Times”) and updated the audience on the remarkable achievements of Ms. Deborah Parsaud, Ms. Katherine Luzuriaga and Ms. Hannah Gay in the field of early treatment of HIV/AIDS. Afterwards, Mrs. Roelofs gave the floor to **Ms. Avaliani**.

Nata Avaliani – overviewed the EECA Constituency Regional Meeting held on April 25 in Istanbul, Turkey where she was representing Mrs. Roelofs. Ms. Avaliani briefed the audience on the representation of the EECA in the Global Fund and stated that the importance of the strategic guidance and further strengthening of the Constituency were highlighted during the meeting. The rapporteur presented to the audience the main principles of the New Funding Model (presentation attached). Another highlight of the meeting was rotation of Board Member representative from the region in 2014-2016. Ms. Avaliani underlined that it is a great honor and responsibility for the country to take the seat of the Board Member as of spring 2014.

Nicolas Cantau – emphasized the importance of the intensive country dialogue, the significance of the results achieved and future planning in terms of the realities.

Sandra E. Roelofs – gave the floor to **Mr. Lochoshvili**.

Akaki Lochoshvili – brought to the attention of the attendees the following issues. The receipt of disbursement notification is anticipated during the next week. The potential risk of stock out has been overcome and ARV and anti-TB drugs are arriving in the country. Mr. Lochoshvili noted that in this light some slight difficulties related to import procedures especially for FDA approved drugs are observed and expressed his hope for quick solution of these drawbacks. Then he focused on the issue of the construction of AIDS Center and noted that the comments from the experts hired by the GFATM had been received and the feedback from the PR had been submitted to them. He expressed the hope that the fixing of the problems related to the renovation of the AIDS Center was imminent. Mr. Lochoshvili updated the audience on the procurement of the equipment and stated that to his knowledge the LFA has already prepared the comments on the tender procedure and country’s needs and noted that hopefully the procurement process that had started nearly five months ago would be successfully finalized. He stated that it is unlikely that major challenges will emerge during the transitional period. Finally Mr. Lochoshvili raised the issue of food vouchers that had been discussed during the very first day of the visit of the GFATM Country Team. He stated that the Fiduciary Agent will go through the new mode of the program and after their no objection, the program will be restored; the

guarantee was expressed by the Secretariat that all patients who adhere to treatment from the date of program's suspension will get incentives for the entire period.

David Sergeenko – commented on the issue of the construction of AIDS Center and noted that the MoLHSA is ready to finalize the project from its end though some problems emerged. He addressed the GFATM delegation with the request to arrange a separate meeting in order to discuss the particular details and the options.

Sandra E. Roelofs – opened the floor for discussion of the issue of Phase 2 grants renewal.

Tsovinar Sakanyan – updated the audience on the outcomes of the meetings with TB and HIV/AIDS proposal writing groups. Ms. Sakanyan noted that a very high level discussion had been held and a spill over meeting with both groups is scheduled for June 7. She noted that the recommendations of the country team to the Panel and further to the Board will be based on the country's recommendations. Ms. Sakanyan underlined the importance of the involvement of the GFATM country team at the earliest stage to ensure the successful approval of the programs and highlighted the significance to adherence to the country's recommendations since the country is the owner of the program. Ms. Sakanyan noted that TB program has less acute issues versus HIV/AIDS program. She highlighted the significance of increasing the coverage of Most at Risk Population (MARPs) and noted that GFATM has an expectation of close to 60% coverage for MARPs. Ms. Sakanyan underlined the importance of further involvement of the broad range of stakeholders in proposal development and stated that the GFATM acknowledges that this factor will be maintained during the elaboration of the proposals.

Nicolas Cantau – highlighted the importance of reflecting in both programs the government's funding for particular components and future action plan to take over from donor's to government's support.

Mariam Jashi – noted that the Terms of Reference for the Consultant to assist with reworking of HIV/AIDS revised proposal was finalized. The Deputy Minister seconded the notion of Mr. Cantau regarding sustainability of the projects and gradual transfer from donor's to government's support and expressed a readiness for open and thorough discussion of this issue.

Sandra E. Roelofs – pay a tribute to the memory of recently passed away Zurab Danelia. Mrs. Roelofs underlined high professionalism and outstanding personality of this exceptional individual and his great contribution to the initiation and development of various health care projects especially in Abkhazia region. The Chairperson expressed the hope that "Tanadgoma", the organization he had led and that was named after Zurab Danelia will be further successful. Mrs. Roelofs introduced to the audience Ms. Maia Baratashvili, the new director of "Tanadgoma", wished her every success in all her endeavors and expressed an enthusiastic support to the organization. Afterwards the Chairperson gave the floor to **Ms. Kavtaradze**.

Maia Kavtaradze – updated the audience on the current status of the construction of National Reference Laboratory (NRL). She noted that during the meeting between the KFW representatives, Deputy Minister of Health and NCDC Director held on May 17 it was clearly explained by the KFW that due to the difficulties associated with the change of the profile of the construction from NRL to Children’s Department it would be much more optimal to keep the initial profile. Further negotiations and discussions with the Director of National Center of TB and Lung Diseases (NCTLD) and NCDC have resulted in the consolidated opinion on keeping the NRL separately versus its integration into the Central Public Health Reference Laboratory which was financed by the USA government and overseen by the US Defense Threat Reduction Agency. Afterwards Ms. Kavtaradze focused on the financial aspects of the renewal of construction works. According to the latest calculations received from GOPA headquarter the financial gap is around 28,000 Euro. The receipt of a breakdown of the afore-mentioned sum is anticipated today evening. Ms. Kavtaradze concluded that KFW side will not be covering the gap and thus allocation of this sum represents the sole responsibility of the Georgian side.

Mariam Jashi – highlighted the importance of the project. The Deputy Minister stated that a very clear justification and explanation of the breakdown of the financial gap is needed since the funds needed for covering of the financial gaps were not initially allocated in the state budget. After that the MoLHSA will present to the Government of Georgia the initiative to allocate additional funds.

Sandra E. Roelofs – raised the issue of PR selection. Mrs. Roelofs referred to the meeting with the GFATM delegation where preliminary candidates (NTP, National Center for AIDS and Infectious Diseases, NCDC, National Center for Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts) were mentioned. The Chairperson noted that an NGO sector expressed the interest to hold the position of the PR both to the CCM and directly to the GFATM. Mrs. Roelofs reminded to the audience that on January 31, 2013 at the 62nd CCM meeting the elections of the PR of the HIV/AIDS phase 2 grant were held. The Chairperson expressed her surprise regarding the presence of only one alternative organization (MCCU) that had expressed the interest to participate in the election process versus much more interest in holding the position observed currently. Afterwards, Mrs. Roelofs presented to the audience in details the selection procedures and the minimum requirements to the PR that were used during the previous elections. Mrs. Roelofs focused on the number of potential PRs and expressed a notion of necessity/appropriateness of emergence of more than one PR. While speaking on a dual track mechanism Mrs. Roelofs stated that during a separate meeting with the GFATM delegation this mechanism was considered to be the most successful formula within the GFATM recipients by Mr. Cantau. Mrs. Roelofs stated that ample time will be given to potential candidates after placing a public announcement though the timeline is rather tight and opened the floor for discussion.

Mariam Jashi – presented to the audience a detailed insight of the government’s consideration towards strengthening of the government’s role in the oversight and coordination of the GFATM grants implementation. She gave a high consideration to the dual track mechanism. Taking into

account the traditional role of the NCTLD as of a single sub-recipient of the GFATM TB grant the MoLHSA proposes this organization as a potential candidate for the PR position. The following potential candidates among the entities of the public law coordinated by the MoLHSA were presented to the audience: NCDC and the National Center for Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts. During internal discussions it was agreed the appropriateness of dividing the HIV/AIDS grant into treatment and prevention portfolios. Ms. Jashi underlined that the government's positions does not contradict to the existing rules and recommendations of the GFATM regarding active involvement of the civil sector in the implementation and the management of the Global Fund's grants. The election process will be conducted based on the agreed criteria and procedures. Afterwards the Deputy Minister refers to the issue of the PR selection criteria and noted that the claims were raised during the consultations of some stakeholders with the MoLHSA regarding the strictness of some criteria in terms of participation of Non-governmental International Organizations. Ms. Jashi proposed a broad circulation of draft criteria among the CCM members and non-CCM constituencies to allow a maximum participation of both governmental and civil society sectors in nomination and election process.

Sandra E. Roelofs – gave the floor to the representatives of the community organizations.

Konstantine Labartkava – expressed a special gratitude to Mrs. Roelofs for an opportunity to attend the CCM meeting and noted that it was the first time when the organization he represented was attending the meeting. Mr. Labartkava briefly introduced the organization “New Vector”, an NGO formed by former drug users. The rapporteur mentioned repressive legal framework that significantly hampers the implementation of programs activities, namely the coverage of MARPs, especially the drug users. He expressed the hope that a new package of a drug legislation that will be developed by the Interagency Coordinating Council will significantly improve the drug-related legal environment in the country. Mr. Labartkava stated that “New Vector” as a community organization should be presented in the PR Election Committee as well as in the CCM to ensure that their voice is heard and their needs are reflected in the assistance provided (condoms, lubricants etc).

Sandra E. Roelofs – stated that not every NGO presented in the CCM is working directly with MARPS and this can be improved but civil society is well represented in the CCM (up to 40%).

David Ananiashvili – seconded the notion of the Chairperson and stated that civil society is really well represented in the CCM. There are two permanent members of the CCM representing the NGOs working with HIV/AIDS affected population. He expressed his surprise by the statement made by Mr. Labartkava and addressed him with the question why his interest to participate at the CCM meetings had not been expressed at earlier stages.

Konstantine Labartkava – reiterated his concern that the voice of other organizations is not heard and expressed the wish for more direct contact with the CCM.

Sandra E. Roelofs – reminded to the audience that PTF, a big forum of NGOs is presented at the CCM through two rotational members. Besides, the draft regulations on the CCM renewal envisage more rotational representation even from public entities. This new development is aimed at having different persons involved to ensure reflection of new views and inflow of more enthusiasm and zeal. Mrs. Roelofs reiterated that the PTF has several seats in the CCM and in case their electorate is not satisfied with the work of their representatives at the CCM they can change this through internal procedures e.g. through election process.

Nicolas Cantau – acknowledged the importance of the selection of the PR. He provided the clarification to the representatives of the community organizations and stated that the PR is not a decision making body with regard to the content of the proposal. Thus an active involvement of the community organizations is important at the stage of proposal development and not at the stage of PR selection.

George Soselia – introduced himself and the organization “Real People – Real Need”. He underlined the importance of inclusion of community organizations into decision-making process. He expressed his desire for improved communication and interaction between the NGOs presented at the CCM and those who are outside of this forum.

Izoleta Bodokia – commented that the organization “Real People – Real Need” has been established just one year ago and such the time to be presented on the board has not evolved yet.

Paata Sabelashvili – commented that the duration of being on scene is not such important and as a proof of it gave an example of GPIC that became the PR without having a previous history of organizational existence as of an NGO. He thanks Mrs. Roelofs for letting the representatives of the community organizations attend the CCM meeting and highlighted the importance of their representation at the CCM for achieving a significant progress in combatting the diseases among MARPs. Afterwards the rapporteur depicted the reality of the country which complicates the delivery of proper services to MARPs. Finally he reiterated the importance of having persons who share a specific background in a permanent body to participate in the decision-making process that directly concerns them.

Sandra E. Roelofs – thanked Mr. Sabelashvil and focused on the following. While speaking on the issues of legitimacy and representation the Chairperson stated that the allegations towards the current PR (reflected in the final OIG Investigation Report, not publicized yet) concern also the period when it used to be a governmental organization. So, there is no prejudice towards PR being public or non-public organization. The dual track mechanism seems to be the best model for Georgia. Mrs. Roelofs underlined that the issue of the voice of civil society to be heard in the CCM is not under doubt. Afterwards the Chairperson described the CCM as a global partnership where the people representing different institutions including the patients, scientists, people at different branches of power are together making significant and successful efforts toward combatting the infectious diseases. Mrs. Roelofs underlined the importance of establishing more

effective monitoring and control mechanisms, conducting of site visits, more frequent direct communication with MARPs and those who are in need.

Nata Avaliani – drew to the attention of the audience the outcomes of the discussion held within the focus group established at the PTF where pros and cons of governmental versus NGO PR were discussed. It was stated that PTF acknowledges the importance of government's intention to broaden its ownership and oversight though some concerns were expressed in terms of some limitations to implement very important initiatives e.g. harm reduction activities and the inflexibility of state procurement mechanism. The NGO sector has in its turn some weaknesses but has much more flexibility for reaching MARPs. Ms. Avaliani declared that they proposed to the government to be involved in PR selection process by assisting the development of ToR and by participating in the independent expanded Panel for PR selection that they are proposing to be established. Ms. Avaliani stated that involvement of NGO sector in the PR selection process is important for both programs and especially for TB program taking into consideration some limitation of TB community network in the country. The rapporteur also drew the attention of the audience to some points that they consider to be the weaknesses of the previous selection process. Finally she addressed the representatives of the MoLHSA with the request to give more clear vision of the selection process.

David Sergeenko – responded that the advantages and disadvantages of the government's involvement is very carefully considered and understood by the government itself and by the partners.

Sandra E. Roelofs – addressed Ms. Sakanyan with the request to introduce the Fiscal Agent (FA) team and the specific tasks assigned to them. The Chairperson asked the Fund Portfolio Manager to give more recommendations/advise with regard to the urgency of the issue of identifying new PR/s and stated that the transitional period has been extended until December, 2013. The Chairperson noted that the ToR will be elaborated and distributed among the stakeholders.

Tsovinar Sakanyan – introduced to the audience Mr. Peter Welch – team leader and Mr. Vasil Janjgava – an accountant, from the Consulting group GFA, hired by the GFATM through the tender process. The Fund Portfolio Manager thanked the PR for its warm and positive welcome during an introductory meeting where the role of the FA during a six months transitional period was discussed. The role of the FA was specified as follows: cosigning with the PR of all financial statements and bank transactions and other close work with the PR mainly related to financial management, involvement in the evaluation of a newly introduced incentive scheme. Ms. Sakanyan stated that upon the receipt of the FA's recommendations on the incentive scheme (food vouchers) the program on the incentive component would be resumed. The FPM also noted that being a completely external agency the FA team needs certain time (three weeks) for understanding the specifics of the PR's internal system and computer software. In addition joint monitoring visits to SRs for monitoring their financial systems and capacities will be conducted.

Ms. Sakanyan underlined the importance of having a team in Georgia assisting the current and new PR(s) in a transitional period. The plan B to assist new PR(s) to initiate their activities will be in place. The FPM stated that changing of the PR depends on a country's procedures but starting the process as soon as possible taking into account the tight timeline is a matter of high importance. In response to the Chairperson's questions Ms. Sakanyan focused on the distinction between the FA and LFA roles. She also noted that the FA as well as LFA does not have an oversight role. The LFA role is mainly related to assessment and giving recommendations to GFATM. Some important tasks as the evaluation of the cash incentive (food voucher) program have been outsourced to the FA. The FA would be helping the PR while the LFA will continue to execute their traditional role and their functions will not be transferred to the FA.

Nicolas Cantau – presented more detailed description of the areas of the PR that will be assessed by the LFA and stated that based on the report of the LFA GFATM will come up with the decision regarding the feasibility of the PR/s selected/endorsed by the CCM. He focused on the timeline of the PR selection process and highlighted its urgency. He explained that it is planned to present phase 2 proposal to TRP in July thus it important by that time to have preliminary candidate/s or preferably already selected one/s. Another important factor is the remuneration of the FA that is done from the grant sources.

Tsovinar Sakanyan - commented that the GFATM expects the grant agreements to be signed by the new PR/s by January, 2014 since the phase 1 of both grants will expire by the end of December, 2013. So, extensive work should be done to be properly prepared for that period. The gaps that will most likely be identified by the LFA will lead to recommendations, involvement of technical assistance from the GFATM side and will not be a base to disregard the newly selected PR/s. Ms. Sakanyan expressed GFATM's full devotion to assist the new PR/s in starting its/their activities.

Sandra E. Roelofs – gave to floor to the FA team.

Peter Welch and and Vasil Janjgava – briefly introduced their professional backgrounds and experience.

Sandra E. Roelofs – requested the budget of the FA team during their assignment in order to be aware of the amount that will be taken from each grant.

Tsovinar Sakanyan – responded that both grants will be charged. The total budget is equal to hundred and fifty four thousand USD. The interest gained on the account will be covering the expenses so the planned activities of the grants will not be harmed.

Mariam Jashi – underlined that the same rule of law applies to any entity that will be serving as the PR and the Ministry will respect the regulations and procedures approved by the CCM together with its constituencies. She noted that the major consideration should be given not to the financial and operational capacities of the PR but to taking over the responsibilities in terms of

achieving the results that will be further sustained and improved. Afterwards Ms. Jashi presented the MDM's request regarding import of plastic vials for sterile water. Ms. Jashi underlined that since the Ministry has not identified the base for waiving the import rules; in this particular issue the waiver can be done based on the CCM's decision on strategic importance of this bulk for non-interruption of the Harm Reduction programs. Ms. Jashi raised a particular issue of a patient receiving treatment under the State Methadone Program and requested the patient to be transferred to the GFATM funded methadone program. Further details will be shared by the Health Department of the MoLHSA and discussed with Ms. Todadze. The Deputy Minister stated that State Narcology Program is currently under revision.

Sandra E. Roelofs - gave the floor to **Ms. Miollany**.

Veronique Miollany – presented to the audience the advantages of plastic vials for sterile injecting water which have been procured in France due to the absence of the product at the local market.

Sandra E. Roelofs – responded that this issue will be further discussed bilaterally. The Chairperson asked the audience to come up with additional remarks and announcements. Mrs. Roelofs announced that 7th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention will be held on 30 June – 3 July 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and expressed the hope that the country will be duly presented at this important event. The European Harm Reduction Network (EHRN) International Harm Reduction Conference will be held on June 9-14, 2013 in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Nicolas Cantau – announced that the GFATM country team will be attending EHRN International Harm Reduction Conference. Series of important meetings are scheduled within the framework of the event.

Paata Sabelashvili – announced that the organizers of Vilnius conference decided to devote a Regional Panel on Hepatitis C to the memory of Zurab Danelia.

Archil Talakvadze - announced that the Minister of Justice and he himself will be participating in EHRN International Harm Reduction Conference. He stated that the Georgian Government and the Prime Minister gave their green light to Hepatitis C prevention, diagnostic and treatment program in the penitentiary system. He briefly overviewed the main components of the program and thanked Open Society-Georgia Foundation and Open Society Institute for their financial support in the development of the proposal. Currently the preparation process for the tender procedures is on-going in coordination with MoLHSA and the Ministry of Finance.

Sandra E. Roelofs – announced that during TB site visits to Eastern Georgia it was revealed that almost all TB prisoners released through the amnesty during the end of the last year and beginning of 2013 are continuing treatment and have attended the civilian sector's TB facilities. Mrs. Roelofs expressed her satisfaction with this fact and congratulated Mr. Talakvadze with the good transition. Afterwards Mrs. Roelofs expressed her hope that at the next CCM meeting the PR candidates will be presented to the members. The Chairperson stated that at the next meeting

she will update the attendees on the outcomes of the 29th Global Fund Board meeting. Finally, Mrs. Roelofs announced that the meeting of Georgian-American Medical and Public Health Association (GAMPHA) will be held on June 21-22 and on June 23 MEDEA 2013 will be opened. The Chairperson thanked the members and observers for having attended and announced the meeting as closed.

Decision:

To elaborate the minimum criteria for PR and publically announce the call for submission of applications for the position of the Principal Recipient (s).

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Chairperson of the CCM

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