

Report of the Ethics Committee

Sixteenth Board Meeting, Kunming China,
13 November 2007

Ethics Cases Considered

- One case since the Ethics Committee's last report to the Board (15th Board meeting).
- Request by Dr Debrework Zewdie, formerly an Alternate Board member and member of the PSC, to waive the one-year cooling-off period that would otherwise have applied (Ethics Policy, para. 7) to her assignment to the position of Director of Operations *ad interim* in the Secretariat.
- Waiver granted.

Annual Declaration of Interest Forms Filing

- Ethics Policy and Declaration of Interest Forms to all Covered Individuals on 1 October 2007.
- Covered Individuals asked to submit their Declaration of Interest Forms to the Ethics Official by 12 October 2007.
- Almost all covered individuals required to submit have done so.
- List provided to the Chair of the Board.

Other matters considered

- Considered progress made by OIG in acting upon a request made by the Board to establish a whistle-blowing hotline.
- Treatment of staff secondments to the Secretariat
 - Secretariat review process
 - Biannual reporting to the Ethics Committee
- Working group to assess whether existing policies provide sufficient protection against conflicts of interest where a person occupying a prominent position in the governance structure of the Global Fund is also associated with a potential provider of goods and services to the organization.