

SUMMARY SHEET			
Agenda Nr. 1.05-6.1	Subject	International Standards of TB Care	
For Information	<u>For Discussion</u>	For Decision	
<p>Introduction: Although DOTS expansion remains a major focus of global tuberculosis control efforts, other initiatives designed to foster application of the principles of DOTS by all non-NTP providers will be necessary to improve case detection and treatment success. The International Standards of Care for Tuberculosis is one such initiative. The Standards are intended as a tool by which diagnosis and treatment of all patients in all sectors can be standardized. The standards focus on the individual patient rather than on control per se. The intent is to seek endorsements from a broad range of organizations and agencies-NTPs , academic institutions, professional societies, NGOs and for these organizations to apply and enforce the standards.</p>			
<p>Summary: The standards described in this document represent the essentials of tuberculosis care for persons of all ages, regardless of the setting in which the care is provided, and are directed toward all health care providers who care for persons with symptoms and signs suggestive of tuberculosis as well as for persons with tuberculosis. In addition to diagnosis and treatment, the standards address the public health responsibilities of all providers. The current draft was based on discussions of a 28-member steering committee that has met twice and was presented to the PPM subgroup last month where the concept and process were endorsed. A revised draft (third draft) will be presented to STAG and to WHO regional and country advisors. With the endorsements of STAG and the advisers, the plan is to begin marketing the document for broad endorsement to include targeted organizations such as medical professional societies, nursing societies, academic programs in nursing and medicine, and additional NTPs. In October the draft will be presented at the "mega meeting" of the 3 implementation working groups. At the same time (or preceding the mega meeting) the IUATLD will have the draft reviewed by a group of their international consultants. This will be followed by presentation at a special session at the IUATLD conference. Following the session at the IUATLD, the document will be made final by the end of the year. Of note, a companion set of standards for patients is being prepared by a patient group.</p>			
<p style="text-align: center;">Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board:</p> <p>Endorse concept of international standards Provide input on process for endorsement Provide input on ways to implement the standards at country level</p>			
Next steps and time frame			
WHAT	WHO	WHEN	FOCAL POINT
Based on steering committee input, prepare 3 rd draft and present to STAG and regional and country advisors.	Hopewell, Raviglione e	Draft May 15, 2005 Presentation June 20	Hopewell