

<b>SUMMARY SHEET</b>			
Agenda Nr. 2.05-16.2	Subject	<b>Patients' Charter</b>	
For Information	For Discussion	<b><u>For Decision</u></b>	
<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p><b>The Patients' Charter of the Tuberculosis Community</b> is the synthesis of values, principles, and aspirations that are widely shared by <b>people infected or affected by TB, TB-HIV, and MDR-TB</b> in all regions of the world. It is the standard of the <b>Rights and Responsibilities</b>, for and by those living with the diseases, which builds community amongst those most affected.</p> <p>The Patients' Charter is a declaration of fundamental principles for building an equitable, sustainable, and effective system of 'patient-centered' care, from the perspective of those in need, in tandem with the new <b>International Standards of Tuberculosis Care</b>. These two documents serve to foster 'partnerships', bringing patients and professionals together to contribute to the global fight against tuberculosis through implementation of these best practices in local communities. Innovating together today, for a TB free future.</p>			
<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>The historic process of 'open-source' drafting of the Charter began with discussions in early 2005 with the Steering Committee of the International Standards, followed by a Call for Input (Write your Rights!) launched from Cameroon in July. The first Draft (10 October) was an attempt to synthesize the hundreds of comments and remarks that were received from communities worldwide. The substantial input coming in at present for the second draft is being incorporated and refined, with the second draft to be released on the 5th of November. We anticipate another wave of inputs and comments, as word is spreading. A third and (almost) final draft is planned for late December, with a launch on WTBD 2006. Already, the Charter drafting process is bringing together frontline professionals and patients, showing positive results in our aim that the process itself leads to community building and progress on the ground. We are pleased to be forging a new tool in efforts to stop tuberculosis, and seek the endorsement in principle of the CB, with a view to full endorsement with the final draft.</p>			
<b>Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ That the Board supports this 'patient-powered' initiative with an 'endorsement in principle' with a view to full endorsement of the final version in December, leading to its' dynamic launch on WTBD 2006.</li> <li>○ That the Board encourages the Secretariat and TBTv to study together the ways in which the launch of the Charter with the Standards can assist in the efforts to effectively implement these sister documents, and to collaborate on the communications plan.</li> </ul>			
<b>Next steps and time frame</b>			
<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>FOCAL POINT</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continued Drafting and outreach</li> <li>2. Build partnerships and mechanisms for implementation</li> </ol>	The 'TB Community', Patients and Professionals together.	Draft 3 – Dec.05 Launch – Mar. 06 Implementation...	Case Gordon <a href="mailto:gordon@tbv.org">gordon@tbv.org</a> +33 467 595 239