

Board of Trustees  
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agenda item 4

**Agenda Item: Strategy, Investment & Policy Committee (C-SIP)**  
**Report to BoT**

**Summary:**

C-SIP is led by Sami Natseh (Chair) and met three times in 2024. A refreshed Committee, with a new rotation of members, including two new youth representatives, and an observer - until BoT approve designations – has provided the conditions for the Committee to perform better. In 2024, the Committee has been briefed and made recommendations for a number of key strategic areas including delivering on Strategy 2028, the Identity Initiative, a review of the donor landscape and an income pathway toward 2025, consideration of new Stream 2 thematic areas, and a request to recommend a resolution to the BoT on IPPF's refusal to accept the conditions of the US Global Gag Rule and in doing so, not be able to take further USAID investment.

**Action Required:**

The Board of Trustees to note the report and recommendations of C-SIP.

1. **Approve** the changes to the CSIP Terms of Reference as recommended by CSIP
2. **Approve** the theme for People on the Move as recommended by C-SIP, and **note** the inclusion of the USD2m for 2025 in the Business Plan.
3. **Note** the resolution – to be sent prior to the BoT - as it relates to the Global Gag Rule, and the implications for refusal of the policy; **note** the need for discussion, dependent on the outcomes of the US Election.

**(i) A refreshed CSIP.**

During 2024, a number of committee members rotated off, and now a refreshed committee has been inducted, participated in meetings, and agreed to individual areas of stewardship aligned to the CSIP workplan, for which they will report back on to CSIP. New members are: Jenny Cao (Trustee, Family Planning Alliance Australia) and Hani Rukh-E-Qamar are both youth members, and Jon Lomoy is the second IPPF BoT member, currently an observer, awaiting confirmation by BoT.

The Donor Advisory Group, a separate group that liaises with the IPPF Secretariat have recently rotated their Chair was an observer at CSIP. As part of the DAG Chairs agreement in this new rotation, they have asked that they continue to be briefed at the DAG, with any critical information being communicated through the Director External Relations, who is present at the BoT, the DAG and the CSIP.

The BoT is asked to **approve** an amendment to the CSIP Terms of Reference, which is attached and requires approval from the BoT.

## **(ii) BoT to approve the theme of Stream 2: People on the Move**

On 01 August, CSIP recommended the concept to the Board. The Board is asked to **approve** the theme for the 2025 concept and **note** the inclusion of the USD2m for 2025 in the Business Plan.

Migrants, and especially women and girls on the move who are survivors of SGBV, have multi-layered needs. LGBTIQ+ migrants and people who engage in transactional sex face compounded risks. Sexual and reproductive health is often deprioritized, and this despite well documented needs, such as increased frequency of adolescent and unintended pregnancies; lack of access to contraception, STI/HIV and abortion care; poor menstrual hygiene; ignorance and stigma about SRH resulting in increased maternal morbidity and mortality and decreased survival of people living with HIV. Stream 2 is IPPF funding mechanism to support MAs responding to strategic initiatives that are identified to better deliver on our strategic outcomes.

CSIP recommended the concept to the Board. The Board is asked to **approve** the theme for the 2025 concept and **note** the inclusion of the USD2m for 2025 in its Business Plan.

## **(iii) Reiterate the conditions of the Global Gag Rule, and ongoing conversations on the US political scenario.**

At the time of the BoT, the US elections would have been held, and an incumbent announced. C-SIP recommends that the BoT refuses the conditions of the GGR.

The Global Gag Rule obliges non-US based NGOs to stop abortion service delivery and advocacy using funds from any source as a condition for receiving US funds.

The US government currently funds IPPF; its MAs currently hold over 60 million USD of USAID awards.

### **Resolution on the Global Gag Rule**

WHEREAS President-elect Donald Trump is likely to reinstate the Mexico City Policy (Global Gag Rule) in early 2025.

WHEREAS the Global Gag Rule denies non-US organizations receiving U.S. family planning assistance the right to provide information, referrals or services for legal abortion or to advocate for a woman's right to choose, with any funds it receives from any donor.

WHEREAS some of the IPPF Member Associations receive funds from the US Government.

IPPF Board of Trustees RESOLVES:

- a) IPPF and its MAs stand firm and will not comply with Global Gag Rule conditions. IPPF will publicly oppose the re-imposition of the Global Gag Rule
- b) The relevant membership principles are Principle 9: Committed to Quality and Principle 10: A Leading SRHR organization. MAs who may choose to comply with GGR conditions will be ineligible for IPPF membership. IPPF will share information with all Member Associations emphasizing that signing the Global Gag Rule is not in line with IPPF's mission, vision and values, nor IPPF's Membership Standards, and to help them prepare.

c) The Board of Trustees requires the Regional Offices to ensure all MAs are informed before the end of 2024.

If the Board of Trustees approves this resolution this position will be communicated to donors with the hope that they will step- up support to fill funding gaps.

CSIP will report back to BoT in real time at the November meeting on the foreign policy implications of the elections.

END.