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The Executive Committee has met three times since the Geneva board meeting. This report summarises the Committee's activities and recommendations since the Geneva board meeting on 16-17 June 2010.

Report of the Executive Committee Chair

Financial Update and Resource Mobilisation

- 1.1 At each meeting, the Executive Committee reviews GAVI's resource needs through 2015, the steps taken toward replenishment, and external developments that may affect the donor environment. The Committee is comfortable that projected inflows are certain but the timing of those inflows may be less dependable if a donor extends the time horizon of its pledge payments. Accounting for this, the Committee requested the Secretariat share its scenario planning, including pledges made and projected.

GAVI Alliance Business Plan 2011-2015

- 2.1 In July, the Committee reviewed business planning development and timelines. In September, it examined several components that required guidance including the length of budget cycles; Secretariat and partner staffing capacity; specificity of targets, timelines, and deadlines in the plan; and ways to ensure partners can engage when they have comparative advantages while accounting for conflicts as they arise.
- 2.2 After the Programme & Policy Committee and Audit & Finance Committee reviewed the programmatic and budgetary aspects of the plan, the Executive Committee considered its recommendation. It did so, along with a couple small changes to the strategy, subject to the following:
 - (a) Upon approval by the Board, the Interim CEO and the Executive Committee Chair will review the twenty-two requested staff positions to determine which positions are critical and must be filled without delay and which positions can wait until after the permanent CEO is appointed.
 - (b) The Executive Committee noted that the Programme & Policy Committee was concerned that further work was needed to improve on the proposed programme objectives/activities in Strategic Goal 2 and had set up a time-bound task team to review them. Consequently, changes could result.
- 2.3 Further, the Executive Committee requested certain governance risks be monitored and that the Governance Committee develop ethics guidelines to address the aforementioned multilateral partner conflicts.

Programme Approvals and Financing

- 3.1 In July, the Executive Committee approved the programmes recommended by the New Proposals Independent Review Committee (IRC) in October 2009. Total endorsement of multi-year budgets equalled US \$1,502,885,499 and

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near-term financial commitments totalled \$809,562,199. In addition, the Committee approved a financial commitment of \$22,337,838 to fund the Yellow Fever stockpile programme.

- 3.2 In September, the Committee made several adjustments to programme budgets and near-term liabilities. In all, endorsement of multi-year budgets equalled a net reduction of \$7,257,760 and near-term financial commitments were reduced in the net amount of \$268,760.
- 3.3 Finally in November, the Committee approved programmes recommended by the Monitoring IRC. In sum, endorsement of multi-year budgets equalled \$312,889,979 and near-term financial commitments totalled \$15,835,728.

The Next Round of Applications

- 4.1 In June, the Board approved in principle a new application round and delegated to the Executive Committee the authority to determine the date for the next meeting of the IRC.
- 4.2 In July, the Committee decided to announce the timing of the next call for proposals by the end of the year, subject to further understanding of GAVI's resource mobilisation efforts. It also allowed countries expected to graduate from GAVI support as of 1 January 2011 (in accordance with GAVI's new eligibility criteria) one final opportunity to apply for support in the new round of proposals in 2011.
- 4.3 In November, the Committee requested the Secretariat to announce a call on 8 November 2010, with a deadline for submission of applications of 15 May 2011. The amount of funds that will be available for the approval of new proposals will be known after the June 2011 pledging meeting.

Support for India

- 5.1 The Board delegated to the officers the authority to rescind up to \$165 million in funding originally approved for the introduction of DTP-HepB-Hib (pentavalent) vaccine in India if the Government of India did not meet certain deadlines. Following this, the Committee reviewed a proposal to introduce pentavalent vaccine in Kerala and Tamil Nadu.
- 5.2 The Committee accepted the revised request from India and its associated programme budget of \$46.5 million. It also signalled GAVI and partners' readiness to support further expansion of the programme. However, the officers may rescind the remaining \$118.5 of the budget should India not present another proposal by 30 June 2011.