PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF DCVMN

AT GAVI MEETING ON 6TH OCT'10 IN NEW YORK CITY

On behalf of the Developing Countries Vaccine Manufacturers' Network (DCVMN), I am pleased to reiterate our pledge to supply in large quantities of EPI vaccines at most affordable prices to GAVI and other U.N. Agencies through our WHO prequalified members. At the moment, we are having 11 WHO prequalified manufacturers out of total 27 members from the developing world.

I also take this opportunity to inform you that Serum Institute of India, one of the members of DCVMN has already offered to UNICEF their WHO prequalified Pentavalent Vaccine (both DTP Hep B (Liq.) + Hib (Lyo.) and fully liquid formulation) at the price of less than US\$ 2.00 per dose as against the current GAVI average purchase price of US\$ 3.30 per dose.

This will result in saving millions of dollars for GAVI to fulfill their commitments.

Similarly, Serum Institute of India has also offered UNICEF their newly developed and WHO prequalified Meningococcal A Conjugate Vaccine (MenAfriVac) at a price of less than 50 cents a dose which is much lower than the current polysaccharide vaccine that GAVI/UNICEF are buying at present for Meningitis belt countries. This could also save millions of dollars for GAVI and by using more effective conjugate vaccine it could ultimately save lives of African children, in million; and this will be entirely Serum Institute's contribution to achieve the MDG-4 (Millennium Development Goal # 4).