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THE CHILDREN'S VACCINE INITIATIVE CONSULTATIVE GROUP

SEVEN SPRINGS CONFERENCE CENTER

MT. KISCO, N.Y.

3-5 FEBRUARY 1991

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Representatives of a group of international donors (see Participants List) met at the Rockefeller University's Seven Springs Conference Center, Mt. Kisco, New York on February 3-5, 1991. The organizers of the meeting were the World Health Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the Rockefeller Foundation. The purpose of the meeting was to explore mechanisms for providing leadership to and coordination of efforts to develop new and improved children's vaccines. The ultimate goal is to develop means of immunizing children at birth against all important disease threats with a single procedure. As articulated elsewhere, the ideal Children's Vaccine should be safe, of high quality, heat stable, effective against multiple diseases, orally administered in a single dose close to birth, and available at an affordable price.

The discussion focused on the deficiencies of current methods of developing and testing vaccines for use by developing country populations. It touched briefly on the major technologic breakthroughs which make low dose, multi antigen vaccines possible. Finally, an interagency consultative group with close linkage to the World Health Organization was proposed and a draft organizational document constructed.

The following actions were taken or recommendations made:

1. A draft document, the "Organizational Statement," was edited, modified and accepted in principle.

2. A provisional Children's Vaccine Initiative Consultative Group (CVI/CG) was created. It consists of four founding members: the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), World Health Organization (WHO), and the Rockefeller Foundation (RF); a Management Committee consisting of individuals selected to represent vaccine research, production and user perspectives North and South (see appendix); a Chairman of the Management Committee, Dr. Philip Russell; and agreement to recruit staff to a Secretariat to be housed at WHO, Geneva.
3. Funding for the Chairman, his staff and Secretariat will be provided by funds furnished by UNICEF, UNDP, RF and in-kind support from WHO.
4. A more detailed proposal designed to attract additional institutional members to participate in and join the CVI/CG will be prepared. It will contain a preliminary cost analysis of savings expected as a consequence of using a Children's Vaccine or any components thereof, e.g., a single shot tetanus toxoid vaccine.
5. Three follow-up meetings are scheduled:
 - 5.1 Public Sector Vaccine Production Institutions
 - Organizer: Drs. R.B.J.C. Van Noort, Philip Russell
 - Date: 28-30 May 1991
 - Place: RIVM, Bilthoven, Netherlands
 - Sponsors: CVI/CG-WHO
 - 5.2 Management Committee of the CVI/CG
 - Organizer: Dr. Giorgio Torrigiani
 - Date: 24-25 June 1991
 - Place: WHO, Geneva
 - Sponsors: CVI/CG-WHO

5.3 CVI/CG Plenary Session

- Organizer: Dr. Philip Russell
- Date: 23-24 September 1991
- Place: WHO, Geneva
- Sponsors: CVI/CG-WHO

6. An interim Strategic Plan will be prepared by the Chairman and Secretariat for presentation discussion and approval by the Management Committee and presentation to the Plenary Session. It is hoped that the strengthened proposal and the first year Strategic Plan will encourage other bilateral or multilateral donors, manufacturing, research or development institutions to seek membership in the CVI/CG.

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