

Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines: establishment of a subcommittee

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report by the Secretariat on the establishment of a subcommittee of the Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines,¹

1. DECIDES to establish as from June 2007 a temporary subcommittee of the Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines, of no more than 15 members, with the following terms of reference:

- (1) to prepare a list of medicines for children, based on their clinical needs and the burden of disease, that the WHO Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines can use to revise and regularly update the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines to include missing essential medicines for children;
- (2) to determine suitability criteria for dosage forms of medicines for children, with particular attention to conditions prevailing in the developing countries;
- (3) to review the feasibility of manufacturing appropriate formulations for those priority medicines for which no dosage form for children currently exists, specifically considering requirements for use in resource-limited settings and availability of data on efficacy and safety in the appropriate age groups;
- (4) to identify the clinical-research gaps regarding safety and efficacy of essential medicines for children in order to improve suboptimal prescribing and dosing, and to facilitate regulatory approval of paediatric formulations;
- (5) to report to the Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines in 2009.

¹ Document EB121/8.

2. FURTHER DECIDES that the temporary subcommittee shall terminate in 2009, after its report to the Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines.

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