

## **PROPOSAL FOR FORMAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE ON THE SELECTION AND USE OF ESSENTIAL MEDICINES**

This proposal is to establish an expert subcommittee to complete and essential medicines list for children. The aims of this subcommittee are clearly defined in the application and are listed below:

- develop a WHO Model List of Essential Medicines for children, based on their clinical needs and the burden of disease.
- develop suitability criteria for dosage forms of medicines for children for development with particular reference to the developing world.
- review the feasibility of manufacturing appropriate formulations for those priority medicines for which currently none exist, specifically considering requirements for use in resource-limited settings and availability of data on efficacy and safety in the appropriate age groups.
- identify the clinical research gaps regarding safety and efficacy of essential medicines, for children, in order to improve sub-optimal prescribing and dosing, and also to facilitate regulatory approval of pediatric formulations
- report to the Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines in 2009.

### **What action do you propose for the Committee to take?**

I propose that the committee consider this application and approve the formation of the subcommittee. I agree that, once the work is complete, the subcommittee could be dissolved.