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IMPROVING USE OF MEDICINES

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Dear Colleagues,

In April 2004, as part of a global effort to improve the use of medicines, 472 leading national and international policy makers, researchers, and other stakeholders representing 70 countries gathered in Chiang Mai, Thailand, for the Second International Conference on Improving Use of Medicines (ICIUM 2004, www.icium.org). ICIUM 2004 resulted in summaries of state-of-the-art knowledge, recommendations for evidence-based policy implementation, and key questions for future research in more than 20 topic areas. The ICIUM 2004 Policy and Programme Recommendations Summary contains recommendations in global priority areas generated by ICIUM 2004 participants, based on the evidence presented at the Conference.

On behalf of the ICIUM 2004 supporting organisations, we fully endorse the ICIUM 2004 Policy and Programme Recommendations. We invite international organisations, governments, non-governmental organisations, and others instrumental in the field of medicines to participate in implementing these recommendations, to improve the use of medicines everywhere.

Sincerely,

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