GAVI PROCUREMENT PRINCIPLES

(1) GAVI recognizes immunization as an important and potentially cost-effective intervention that can enhance the right of all children to a healthy life, that has positive effects in combating poverty and that is a critical contribution to the achievement of public health gains and to the attainment of the Millenium Development Goals (MDGs) for Health.

(2) GAVI commits itself to the immediate and long-term aim of vaccine security – the sustained supply of affordable quality vaccines designed to meet the needs of developing countries for sustainable use.

(3) GAVI, based on the work of national partners, commits itself to enhancing reliability and predictability in vaccine demand and supply, strengthening the planning and forecasting of vaccine needs in the immunization programs it supports, and ensuring that updated information is readily available to industry - thereby enabling the efficiency of vaccine supply for greatest affordability of vaccines.

(4) GAVI recognizes the importance of innovation in the vaccine sector and commits itself to working with industry and national partners to ensure increased use of appropriate under-used vaccines relevant to benefit children most in need, recognizing that success in this will greatly motivate increased research and development of new vaccines including those of relevance to children in developing countries.

(5) GAVI commits itself to working with national partners and with all industry to ensure increased use of appropriate under-used vaccines to benefit children most in need, recognizing that this in turn will have a positive effect on innovation and development of new products of importance to the developing world.

(6) GAVI commits itself to develop effective procurement strategies based upon the type of vaccines, level of maturity and market conditions of the product in question. These strategies will be based on a recognition of competition as critical to achieving long-term sustainability, but may also include longer-term contracting arrangements or guaranteeing of minimum volumes with a single supplier.

(7) GAVI recognizes the vital role of the vaccine industry in world health improvements and establishes strategies that ensure the participation of both industrialized and developing country manufacturers in providing vaccines for developing countries.