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## News Release

### **IFPMA congratulates GAVI Alliance on 10 years of saving lives; Welcomes BMGF call for new 'Decade of Vaccines'**

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Ten years after the establishment of the GAVI Alliance\*, the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations (IFPMA) congratulates the organization on a decade of success. As a founding member of the Alliance, IFPMA strongly supports GAVI's work providing life-saving vaccines to the world's poorest countries.

In the last 10 years, GAVI has reached an additional 257 million children and prevented 5 million future deaths. IFPMA welcomes the call by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to build on this success, by beginning a new 'Decade of Vaccines' in which increased vaccination could save the lives of more than 8 million children.

"Vaccines represent over 200 years of medical progress, offering one of the most cost-effective methods to protect millions of lives around the world," said Mr. Eduardo Pisani, Director General of IFPMA. "In recent years, IFPMA members have harnessed rapid advances in biotechnology and immunology to develop new generation vaccines, targeting some of the biggest childhood killers, in particular pneumonia and diarrhea. As a contributor to one of the most successful public-private partnerships ever, IFPMA is proud to support GAVI Alliance's plans to introduce these life-saving vaccines to some of the world's poorest countries. IFPMA hopes that with the global support called for by Bill and Melinda Gates, together we can ensure a new decade of vaccines."

IFPMA also welcomes the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's \$10 billion pledge for vaccine research and development where vaccines were referred to as a 'miracle' which can prevent deadly diseases and significantly impact children's lives.

\* The GAVI Alliance is a global public-private-partnership in collaboration with WHO, UNICEF, World Bank, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Donor Countries, Developing Countries, Research and Technical Health Initiatives, Civil Society Organizations, IFPMA, DCVMN and Independent Individuals.

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#### **About the IFPMA:**

The International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations is the global non-profit NGO representing the research-based pharmaceutical, biotech and vaccine sectors. Its members comprise 27 leading international companies and 44 national and regional industry associations covering developed and developing countries. The industry's R&D pipeline contains hundreds of new medicines and vaccines being developed to address global disease threats, including cancer, heart disease, HIV/AIDS and malaria. The IFPMA Clinical Trials Portal ([www.ifpma.org/ClinicalTrials](http://www.ifpma.org/ClinicalTrials)), the IFPMA's Ethical Promotion online resource ([www.ifpma.org/EthicalPromotion/](http://www.ifpma.org/EthicalPromotion/)) and its Developing World Health Partnerships information ([www.ifpma.org/HealthPartnerships](http://www.ifpma.org/HealthPartnerships)) help make the industry's activities more transparent. The IFPMA strengthens patient safety by improving risk assessment of medicines and combating their counterfeiting. It also provides the secretariat for the International Conference on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH).

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