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Permanent Mission of Mexico

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The Permanent Mission of Mexico to the Office of the United Nations and other international organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the World Health Organization and has the honour to refer to communication C.L.4.2009 of 23 February 2009, which invited Member States to submit proposals on innovative methods and sources of financing to stimulate research and development related to diseases that disproportionately affect developing countries.

The Permanent Mission of Mexico hereby transmits the attached proposal by the Mexican Ministry of Health.

The Permanent Mission of Mexico to the Office of the United Nations and other international organizations at Geneva takes this opportunity to convey to the World Health Organization the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 16 April 2009

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The Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property. Expert Working Group on R&D Financing

Comments by the Ministry of Health

The Ministry's Economic Analysis Unit has the following comments:

"The Unit believes that the following activities and sources of financing constitute a possible point of departure for promoting research into and development of innovative medicines for Type II and III diseases.

### **Activities to stimulate basic (preclinical) research focusing on technology transfer:**

- Establishment of public/private-sector partnerships for research and development
- Institution of grant schemes to promote research and development of new chemical substances.
- Conclusion of technology transfer agreements with other countries, specifically Cuba and Brazil, the two Latin American countries in the forefront of developing and applying the technologies needed for the development of new medicines to control diseases in developing countries.

### **Sources of financing**

- Seek to ensure that national governments increase their budgets for essential national health research.
- Seek support from foundations and other non-profit civil society organizations to develop new products.
- Seek support from developed countries (donors) in channelling assistance to research institutions and developing research capacity.

Some of these proposals are consistent with and have already been presented in reports of the Commission on Macroeconomics and Health (2001) and the Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation and Public Health (2006)".