

 **Support for the Medicines Patent Pool**


"Encouraging the voluntary use, where appropriate, of new mechanisms such as partnerships, tiered pricing, open-source sharing of patents and patent pools benefiting all developing countries, including through entities such as the Medicines Patent Pool, to help reduce treatment costs and encourage development of new HIV treatment formulations, including HIV medicines and point-of-care diagnostics, in particular for children" - UN General Assembly Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS, June 2011

 *"The Medicines Patent Pool is a means to enhance availability and facilitate the development of new fixed-dose combinations and adapted formulations, such as paediatric formulations, through voluntary licence agreements." - HIV Strategy 2011-2015*


"We welcome the Patent Pool Initiative launched by UNITAID...and we invite the voluntary participation of patent owners, private and public, in the project." - G8 Summit, Deauville, France, May 2011


 *"Encourage the use of new mechanisms such as the UNITAID Medicines Patent Pool to help reduce treatment costs and promote the development of new treatment formulations, including paediatric formulations and fixed-dose combinations." - Sao Paulo Parliamentary Declaration on Access to Medicines and Other Pharmaceutical Products, Global Fund Partnership Forum, June 2011*

"The Medicines Patent Pool has potential to support access to more appropriate and affordable ARV in developing countries by setting incentives for product adaptation and generic production. We will encourage the pharmaceutical sector to engage actively with the Medicines Patent Pool to support the availability of more appropriate and affordable ARVs." - UK Position Paper on HIV, May 2011

 *"One promising initiative that can help decrease the cost of patents for the Index Countries is the patent pool initiative of UNITAID." - ATM Index 2010*

"We urge all public institutions and pharmaceutical companies to follow the measures taken by the NIH, and to share without delay their patents on this and other antiretrovirals with the Medicines Patent Pool, in order to facilitate access to these treatments at the lowest possible price for countries in need." - Prof. Michel Kazatchkine, Executive Director

 *"This licence underlines the U.S. Government's commitment to the Medicines Patent Pool and its goal to increase the availability of HIV medicines in developing countries. We are now discussing licensing to the Medicines Patent Pool other patents that could have a positive impact on the treatment of HIV/AIDS." - NIH Director Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D.*

 **For additional information**

- For general information on the Pool/Gilead license see: <http://www.medicinespatentpool.org/LICENSING/Current-Licences/Medicines-Patent-Pool-and-Gilead-Licence-Agreement/Q-and-A-Gilead-Licences>
- For a more specific FAQ we use for people who wanted more information: <http://www.medicinespatentpool.org/LICENSING/Current-Licences/Medicines-Patent-Pool-and-Gilead-Licence-Agreement/Q-and-A-Gilead-Licences/FAQ>
- Pictures of people campaigning for the Pool: <https://picasaweb.google.com/115637459549293886193/MerckJumpInThePatentPool?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCNYNkYTc-r2W4wE&feat=directlink>
- A Simple video explaining the Patent Pool: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vj0dbFqjoh>

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