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Adenike Grange, MD
Chair, International Pediatric Association (IPA)
Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (TAGI)

Dear Dr. Grange:

The founding partners of the Measles and Rubella Initiative (MR Initiative) were delighted to learn that the IPA, SVI and AAP have made a high priority commitment to work together toward global eradication of measles, rubella and congenital rubella syndrome. We understand that your work plan includes working collaboratively within the framework of the MR Initiative.

It is my pleasure to invite you to become named partners within the Measles and Rubella Initiative and to participate fully in its activities. That would include attendance at annual meetings, working with the MR Initiative management group, regular participation in conference calls and coordination regarding program activities and media. Your logos would be included in our materials and website and where appropriate, we would develop links to your respective websites.

As named partners, you would have no specific resource obligation to the MR Initiative, but would be expected to cover your own costs and to contribute in any ways consistent with your resource capacity. We understand that the IPA is the named, accredited representative of the pediatric community within the WHO group of civil society organizations, but recognize the special role the AAP plays, hence welcoming it along with the SVI.

We look forward to hearing from you and your organizations, fully appreciating the contribution you can make working with us in measles-rubella immunization to eventually rid the world of both diseases.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Andrea

Andrea Gay
Executive Director, Children's Health

Cc: Dr. Sergio Cabral, President, IPA; Dr. Ciro de Quadros, Executive Vice President, Albert B Sabin Vaccine Institute (SVI); Dr. Errol Alden, Executive Director/CEO, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)