The Medicines Patent Pool Foundation

Chairman's Summary

11 December 2015

Attendees:

Board Members: Dr. Charles Clift, Dr. Bernard Pécoul, Dr. Sigrun Møgedal, Dr. Anban Pillay, Ms. Anna Żakowicz, Ms. Jayashree Watal, Ms. Claudia Chamas, Dr. Brian Tempest, Dr. Michel Manon.

MPP staff: Greg Perry (Executive Director), Chan Park (General Counsel), Sandeep Juneja (Business Development Director), Maica Trabanco (Associate Counsel), Esteban Burrone (Head of Policy), Katie Moore (Head of Communications), Alnaaze Nathoo (Strategy and Operations Manager), and Ms. Milena Marra (Communications Officer) Ms. Asma Rehan (Operations Officer).

The Governance Board of the Medicines Patent Pool (MPP) has reviewed the comments of the Expert Advisory Group (EAG) on negotiations between the MPP and AbbVie on a licence agreement for LPV/r and RTV in relation to South Africa and Africa as prepared in the expedited report by the MPP management.

The Board has reviewed the content of the proposed Licence Agreement. Taking into account the request of South African Government and the comments and advice of the EAG and the MPP management, the Board agrees that the proposed collaboration is consistent with the MPP's mandate as defined in its Statutes and Memorandum of Understanding with UNITAID, and represents a significant improvement over the status quo in relation to access to LPV/r and RTV combinations especially in meeting the growing supply needs for these treatments in South Africa.

Therefore, the Board requests the Executive Director to finalise and sign the necessary documents with AbbVie to formalize the collaboration.

The Board further recommends that the MPP continue to seek the inclusion of all people living with HIV in low- and middle-income countries in this and other future collaborations. The Board also instructs the Executive Director to proceed rapidly in granting licences to manufacturers especially those who already have market approval in South Africa for LPV/r and also to encourage licensing for local production.