



OIC Vaccine Manufacturers Group (OIC-VMG)

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Introduction

During the 1st Session of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 12-15 June 2007) Member States solemnly committed to expand national immunization services to reach all unvaccinated children with life-saving vaccines of assured quality that will significantly contribute towards MDG4. They considered being self reliant and self sufficient in their immunization programmes by ensuring the reliable supply of good quality, safe, effective and affordable vaccines by strengthening National Regulatory Authorities.

The 2nd Session of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers (Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, 1-4 March 2009), adopted resolution No. 4/2-ICHM on Combating communicable Diseases inter alia encouraged the OIC Member States to cooperate in making available adequate supply of vaccines, diagnostics and medicine through joint research and production to support immunization programmes in the spirit of Islamic Ummah solidarity and dignity to achieve self-sufficiency among Member States.

Resolution No. 3/3-ICHM on Self-Reliance in Production of Medicines and Vaccines adopted by the 3rd Session of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers (Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, 29th September – 1st October, 2011) inter alia invited the OIC Member States to take additional measures to develop national pharmaceutical industries to ensure adequate supply of essential medicines and vaccines; and encouraged the OIC Member States to further collaborate to ensure self-reliance in the provision of essential medicines and scaling up production of pharmaceuticals including vaccines;

Two meetings of Medicine and Vaccines Manufacturers were convened. The First Meeting of Medicine and Vaccines Manufacturers from the OIC Member States (Dubai, 27 – 28 February 2013) recommended preparation of a short term (downstream process), medium term (joint development of APIs) and long term (research and development). The Second Meeting of Medicine and Vaccines Manufacturers from the OIC Member States hosted by Bio Farma of Indonesia (16 June 2013, Bandung) recommended establishing a vaccine manufacturers group

from the OIC countries and Pooling of Procurements. The manufacturers group inter alia is to coordinate and follow up on implementation of the short term, medium term and long term plan towards self reliance of vaccines in the OIC region.

Establishment of the vaccine manufacturers group is one of the actions to implement Thematic Area 4 on Medicines, Vaccines and Medical Technologies of the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action, 2014 – 2022.

Article 1: OIC Vaccines Manufacturers Group (OIC-VMG)

OIC Vaccine Manufacturers Group (OIC-VMG) is a group of indigenous vaccine manufacturer based in the OIC countries.

Article 2: Definitions

- 2.1. Indigenous vaccine manufacturers – companies based in the OIC countries and owned by OIC governments, nongovernmental institutions and citizens as majority shareholder.
- 2.2. Self Reliance in Vaccine Production and Availability (SRVPA) is the capability and the capacity to conduct research & development, manufacture, supply and procurement by the OIC Member States.
- 2.3. WHO Prequalification (PQ) is a reference for quality, safety and efficacy standards for vaccine manufacturing recognized by the OIC Member State in such understanding.

Article 3: Vision, Mission and Goal

- 3.1 **Vision:** achievement of full vaccine coverage in the OIC Member;
- 3.2 **Mission:** to promote self-reliance and self-sufficiency in the vaccine supply and production in the OIC Member States;
- 3.3 **Goal:** collaboration and cooperation between vaccines manufactures in the OIC Member States in order to develop joint capability and capacity in integrated manner toward promoting self-reliance in vaccine production and availability.

Article 4: Scope of activities

- 4.1 Coordination and cooperation for carrying out the activities and necessary actions identified in the short, medium and long term plan of action towards self-reliance of vaccines in the OIC region

Article 5: The Membership of VMG

- 5.1 Full Members: All Indigenous vaccine manufacturers in OIC Member States.
- 5.2 Associated members - OIC General Secretariat and relevant OIC institutions including COMSTECH, IDB, SESRIC and ICCIA.
- 5.3 Partners / Invitees – any other members deemed necessary such as WHO, GAVI Alliance or the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and other related organizations decided by VMG Full Members

Article 6: Structure

The OIC-VMG shall comprise of:

- 6.1 Chair and one (1) Vice Chair, who shall not be from the same manufacturer;
- 6.2 Executive Secretary based at the OIC General Secretariat shall perform interim secretarial duties for the OIC-VMG.

Article 7: Duties, Responsibilities and Procedures

- 7.1 The meetings of the OIC- VMG should normally be chaired by the Chairman who shall ensure compliance with the Rules of Procedures of the OIC (see para 7.5).
- 7.2 The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in all Meetings. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair by acclamation shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chair.
- 7.3 The Chair/Vice Chair shall report on the proceedings and the decisions made by the OIC- VMG for consideration by the ICHM.
- 7.4 The duties of the Secretariat/Executive Secretary shall include:
 - a. Coordination and convening of the OIC- VMG meetings
 - b. Facilitating preparation of all the necessary documentation for the meeting
 - c. Submitting decisions of the meetings for approval of the ICHM
- 7.5 The meetings will be governed by the Rules of Procedure of the OIC Conferences and Meetings as in **Annex I**.

Article 8: Meetings and Reports

- 8.1 All expenses for attending the meeting shall be borne by the participants.
- 8.2 The meeting reports shall be submitted to the Steering Committee on Health and subsequently the ICHM.