



Media Advisory

Children's rights campaigner Mrs. Graça Machel announces IFFIm's first year anniversary results

Since its inaugural bond issuance in November 2006, the International Finance Facility for Immunisation (IFFIm) has made US\$ 1 billion available for GAVI Alliance vaccines and health programmes in the poorest countries of the world.

GAVI and IFFIm partners, including GAVI Fund Chair Mrs. Graça Machel, will present a summary account of how and where IFFIm's predictable, long-term funding is saving lives. In just its first year, IFFIm has boosted countries' existing immunisation programmes, funded the demand and development of easier-to-administer combination vaccines and has been flexible in response to urgent immunisation needs like yellow fever, polio and measles.

Who: Mrs. Graca Machel, Chair of the GAVI Fund Board

> Dr. Alan Gillespie, IFFIm Company Chairman Dr. Julian Lob Levyt, GAVI Executive Secretary

Wednesday 28 November 2007 When:

12:45 to 1:45 pm GMT/UTC + 02:00 hours

Where: The Westin Grand Cape Town Arabella Quays

Bartholemew Diaz room, Cape Town, South Africa

Teleconference: Attend via teleconference by dialing: Details to be circulated Monday

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Note to Editors: Spokespersons are available including key GAVI partners, donor representatives, and health workers in the field.