



**Statement from Dr. Ciro de Quadros on the World Health Organization (WHO) Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) Decision to Approve Rotavirus Vaccines for Global Use**

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“Regardless of where they live, virtually all children become infected with rotavirus by the age of three. Yet, 90 percent of child deaths due to rotavirus occur in the world's poorest countries where access to medical care is often limited,” said Dr. Ciro de Quadros, Executive Vice President of the Sabin Vaccine Institute. “The WHO recommendation for global use of rotavirus vaccines underscores the need to protect children in low-resource settings and, when vaccines are introduced as part of a country’s national immunization program, they will prevent millions of needless deaths.”

For more information, please visit <http://www.path.org/news/pr090605-who-rotavirus.php>.

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