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**Pfizer Joins Innovative Partnership to Eliminate or Control
10 Neglected Tropical Diseases by 2020**

NEW YORK, January 30 - Pfizer Inc. issued the following statement today in regards to the announcement of an effort by 13 pharmaceutical companies, including Pfizer, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, U.S. and U.K. government agencies, the World Bank and officials from NTD-endemic countries to accelerate progress toward eliminating or controlling 10 neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) by 2020.

"Pfizer proudly stands today with the many public and private organizations uniting to help eliminate or control 10 neglected tropical diseases by 2020.

"In what is being referred to as the 'London Declaration on Neglected Tropical Diseases,' partners pledge coordinated efforts to address the world's most persistent health challenges by accelerating research and development of new treatments, sustaining drug donation and discounting programs and increasing funding for NTD drug delivery and implementation initiatives.

"This effort builds on the ongoing work of many partners committed to improving the lives of the 1 billion people affected by NTDs, most of whom are among the world's poorest.

"At Pfizer, we are working to combat NTDs by collaborating on drug development, broadening access to medicines and strengthening health care delivery for underserved people. Today, we remain steadfast in our fight and pledge the following commitments to this effort:

- o Continue donation of Zithromax[®] (azithromycin) needed in the effort to treat blinding trachoma until at least 2020. We will also provide our medicine for a study, funded by the Gates Foundation, to evaluate the potential for Zithromax[®] treatment to reduce mortality in children less than five years of age.

- o Provide clinical expertise and support product development collaborations with other partners for improved treatment of the debilitating helminth infections that cause river blindness and lymphatic filariasis.
- o Build on previous research partnerships by exploring ways to provide targeted access to proprietary compounds to help develop new and improved treatments for neglected diseases that continue to have unmet needs.

"Pfizer's commitments build on our ongoing efforts to fight neglected tropical diseases, which includes the work done through our support of the International Trachoma Initiative, by our colleagues who participate in our Global Health Fellows program, and through our participation in WIPO Re:Search -- a public-private consortium for sharing intellectual property and expertise with the global health research community to promote the development of new drugs, vaccines and diagnostics for the treatment of neglected tropical diseases, malaria and tuberculosis.

"We are proud to be a part of this innovative effort to support a healthier world."

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About the Partnership

The commitments announced by Pfizer are a key part of a new, coordinated push by a diverse range of public and private partners to combat 10 Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) by 2020. Today, 13 pharmaceutical companies, the U.S. and U.K. governments, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Bank and officials from NTD-endemic countries, pledged to bring a unique focus to defeating these diseases and to work together to improve the lives of the billion people worldwide affected by NTDs.

In the largest coordinated effort to date to combat NTDs, the group announced at an event at the Royal College of Physicians that they would: sustain or expand existing drug donation programs to meet demand through 2020; share expertise and compounds to accelerate research and development of new drugs; and support R&D efforts and strengthen drug distribution and implementation programmes. The partners also signed onto the "London Declaration on Neglected Tropical Diseases," in which they pledged new levels of collaboration and tracking and reporting of progress.

New funding commitments will fully support work toward the eradication of Guinea worm, as well as expedite progress toward the 2020 goals of: elimination for lymphatic filariasis, blinding trachoma, sleeping sickness and leprosy; and control of soil-transmitted helminthes, schistosomiasis, river blindness, Chagas and visceral leishmaniasis. For more information on this, please visit www.UnitingToCombatNTDs.org