

Digest of information relating to “advance market commitment”

1) Extract from meeting note

“CHANCELLOR’S CALL ON PRIME MINISTER PRODI, 9 FEBRUARY”
(13/02/2007)

AMC

4. The Chancellor noted that the AMC initiative was also targeted mainly at African countries. He was grateful to Prodi for his encouragement to President Putin to produce a Russian contribution - \$80 million had been announced at the AMC launch that day which, together with the promised \$50 million from Bill Gates, would take us to the target of \$1.5 billion. [PS/Chancellor] noted that a lot of other countries were interested in the next AMC pilot, probably on malaria.

2) Extract from meeting note

“VATICAN: INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT: VISIT OF BARONESS VADERA” (14/11/07)

Advanced Market Commitment (AMC): Malaria

14. [] Minister Vadera explained the thinking behind the Advanced Market Commitment (AMC) which had been launched at the Vatican in February. The idea was to create a market thereby providing the necessary incentives which would lead to research into such diseases. Baroness Vadera said that a pilot had been launched on pneumococcal diseases which killed 800,000 each year [*note: WHO now estimates are that pneumococcal diseases kill 1.6 million people each year, including 700,000 to 1 million children*]. The Vaccine should be ready by 2010. Before tackling Malaria it had to be shown that the scheme could work - hence the pilot. The Minister said that tackling malaria and eliminating it would be achieved through treatment and finding a vaccination. Bill Gates had agreed to up-front the research costs on finding a vaccine for malaria. The UK government was funding the new and more effective treatment programme (ACT), but it was 6-7 times more expensive than the previous treatment.