

**Joint Statement of the
10th U.S. – Russia Health Committee Meeting
Washington D.C., United States
July 31, 2002**

The Health Committee held its 10th session on July 31st in Washington, D.C., United States of America. It was chaired jointly by Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) of the United States of America, and Yuri Shevchenko, Minister of Health of the Russian Federation.

The agenda of the session and list of participants are contained in Annexes 1 and 2, respectively.

The Committee noted that since the 9th Health Committee Meeting, held July 20, 2000, in Moscow, Russia, U.S.-Russian collaboration has been especially successful in the priority areas of the Control and Prevention of Infectious Diseases, including Tuberculosis (TB), HIV/AIDS, and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs); Access to Quality Health Care, particularly in the development of an evidence-based medicine center, The Quality Assurance Project (QAP/Russia), depression, alcohol and substance abuse, and hypertension treatment in primary care settings; Cardiovascular Disease, and Maternal and Child Health.

The Committee also noted the important contributions of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and of the American International Health Alliance (AIHA) to health in Russia, and the progress that is being made under the new Community-Based Primary Health Care Partnerships.

The Committee noted the importance of developing further collaboration in the priority areas listed above, along with the need to refocus efforts on health promotion and disease prevention and health education. The Committee fully endorses collaboration in this new initiative.

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

The United States and the Russian Federation will increase attention to preventive care and apply communication strategies to promote healthier lifestyles and behaviors, particularly among youth, through the United States “Healthy People 2010” and the new “Healthy Russia 2020” programs. In particular, the “Healthy Russia 2020” program will provide a means to disseminate successful models and technologies, mobilize communities for health, and promote changes in individual attitude.

Continued collaboration with Russian scientists working to develop an evidence base for prevention and treatment, particularly in the areas of substance abuse (alcohol, drugs, and

tobacco), is essential for Russia's public health, as well as advancement of the field worldwide.

Infectious Diseases

The United States and the Russian Federation remain committed to the "Joint Statement on the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases," as signed in Washington, D.C., on March 23, 1999, in the English and Russian languages. As stated in that document, we will work together to combat tuberculosis, particularly multi-drug resistant tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections, and other emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases.

Both parties plan to review and approve protocols and internationally approved approaches for treatment of multi-drug resistant tuberculosis, including the use of second-line drugs as indicated in the protocols.

Recognizing the importance of the global HIV/AIDS threat to both countries and the need to raise the HIV issue to a higher level of visibility, the United States and Russian institutions and policymakers support the promotion and expansion of multidisciplinary collaboration in HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and research. Ongoing dialogue and exchange (including conferences and workshops) will identify mutual scientific interests and new opportunities to stimulate joint research in prevention technologies, means of treatment, vaccines, and diagnostics for HIV/AIDS and related conditions, such as opportunistic infections, drug abuse, and other emerging diseases and behaviors to reduce morbidity and mortality in the Russian Federation.

Noting the findings from the recent 14th International AIDS Conference in Barcelona, the committee once again emphasized the importance of top-level political leadership on this urgent issue.

Access to Quality Health Care

The Committee acknowledges joint successes in Tula and Tver oblasts and concurs that the third phase of the Quality Assurance Project in Russia (QAP/Russia) will promote national level implementation of modern quality improvement methodology in the Russian health system. Under the leadership of the Russian Ministry of Health, new regions, clinical areas, and approaches will be promoted and pursued.

Cardiovascular Disease

Cardiovascular Disease is the number-one cause of death in Russia and the United States. The Committee agrees that joint collaboration in evidence-based health promotion and disease prevention in this area continues to be a priority.

Maternal and Child Health

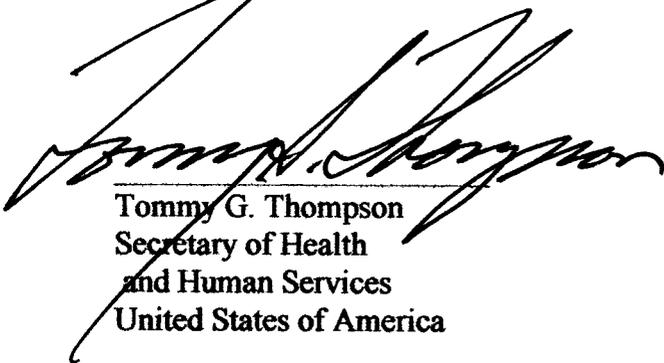
Maternal and infant health remain a priority for the United States and Russia. New guidelines, curricula and models of care are being developed jointly; we will continue our efforts in this area to improve maternal and infant health, women's reproductive health, through preventive measures, including reducing the number of abortions, and, in particular, to promote efforts to target adolescents' reproductive health.

Council on Commercial Issues that Affect the Russian Public Health System

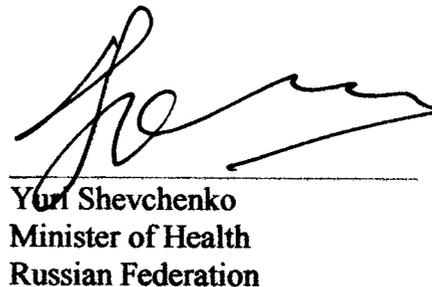
The relationship between health and international trade are inextricably linked. Because access to high-quality medicines and medical equipment has such a direct impact on public health, the U.S.-Russia Health Committee endorses the creation and work of the U.S.-Russia Interagency Coordination Council on Reducing Technical Barriers in the Healthcare Sector as a forum to address important commercial issues in the health sector.

The Committee acknowledged with appreciation the draft document "U.S.-Russia Health Committee, 2000-2002", which compiles activities, achievements, resources, and key participants over the past two years of the Committee. The Committee agreed to distribute it among Health Committee participants, past and present, upon its finalization.

Signed in Washington, D.C., United States of America, on July 31, 2002, in the English and Russian languages.



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Annexes:

Annex 1: Agenda for the 10th Meeting of the U.S.-Russia Health Committee

Annex 2: Participants to the 10th Meeting of the U.S.-Russia Health Committee

AGENDA
10th US-Russia Health Committee Meeting

3:00-3:25 Opening Statements

Secretary Tommy G. Thompson

- Remarks (5 minutes)
- Introduction of U.S. Participants (2 minutes)

Minister of Health, Yuri L. Shevchenko

- Remarks (5 minutes)
- Introduction of Russian Federation Participants (2 minutes)

Assistant Administrator, USAID, E. Anne Peterson, (5 minutes)

3:30-3:40 Department of Commerce

Presenter – Linda Conlin, Assistant Secretary, DOC

3:40-3:50 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

Presenter – Joseph Autry, Deputy Administrator, SAMHSA,
followed by Anatoliy I. Vyalkov, 1st Deputy Minister of Health

3:50-4:00 Tuberculosis

Presenter – Kenneth Castro, CDC

Responder – Mikhail Perelman, MOH

4:00-4:10 Access to Quality Health Care

Joint presentation - Carolyn Clancy, AHRQ, followed by
Anatoliy I. Vyalkov, 1st Deputy Minister of Health

4:10-4:20 Cardiovascular Disease

Presenter – Yevgeniy Chazov, RF MOH

Responder – Claude Lenfant, NIH/NHLBI

4:20-4:30 Sexually Transmitted Disease and HIV/AIDS

Joint presentation – Carolyn Ryan, CDC, followed by
Viktor Maleyev, MOH

4:30-4:40 Maternal and Child Health

Presenter – Anatoliy Korsunskiy, MOH

Responder – Kerry Pelzman, USAID

4:40-4:55 Additional Questions/Discussion

4:55-5:00 Adjournment

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Washington, D.C. July 31, 2002

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