1. INTRODUCTION

The procedures for the selection of JCB members according to paragraph 2.2.1 of the TDR Memorandum of Understanding needed to be brought in line with the new wording of this paragraph which was discussed by JCB(30) in 2007. The TDR co-sponsoring agencies had subsequently amended the Memorandum of Understanding (document TDR/CP/78.5/Rev.2008).

These revised procedures were agreed at the thirty-first meeting of resource contributors held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 17 June 2008. The participants at this meeting are listed in the attached annex.

2. DEFINITION

Paragraph 2.2.1 of the Memorandum of Understanding

"Twelve representatives from the governments contributing to the Special Programme Resources, selected by the contributors to the Special Programme. Each such government representative shall serve as representative of his or her government and may also serve as representative of a constituency established by governments under this membership category. Each constituency will develop its own procedure to designate its representative to the Board. In the event a government intends to serve on the Board also as representative of a constituency, it shall indicate this in its application for membership, it being understood that each government participating in that constituency shall be entitled to rotate as the representative of that constituency at any session of the JCB."

(document TDR/CP/78.5/Rev.2008)

3. PROCEDURES

3.1 Invitations

Cooperating Parties which have made financial contributions to the Special Programme resources during the last calendar year and/or the current year up to 60 days before the next scheduled session of the Joint Coordinating Board will be invited to meetings of the resource contributors. Invitations will not be sent to Cooperating Parties which have only indicated either verbally or in writing that they will make a financial contribution during the current year.
3.2 Voting Rights

Voting rights will be extended automatically to both governments and other Cooperating Parties which are invited to and attend the meetings.

3.3 Eligibility for JCB Membership

Governments which have made financial contributions to the Special Programme resources during the last calendar year and/or the current year up to 60 days before the next scheduled session of the Joint Coordinating Board are eligible for JCB membership and/or to participate in JCB member constituencies according to paragraph 2.2.1 of the Memorandum of Understanding. Governments which have only indicated either verbally or in writing that they will make a financial contribution during the current year are not eligible for JCB membership and/or to participate in JCB member constituencies under paragraph 2.2.1.

3.4 Application for Membership

(a) Applications for one of the 12 Board positions selected by the resource contributors must be submitted in writing by eligible governments to the Special Programme Coordinator at least 60 days before the next scheduled session of the JCB.

(b) Any government submitting its application as a representative of a constituency shall indicate this in its application, provide information on the constituency members and ensure that all such constituency members have met the eligibility criteria indicated under 3.3 above.

(c) Applications for JCB membership under paragraph 2.2.1 of the Memorandum of Understanding are valid for consideration by the resource contributors at one meeting only and cannot be carried over to subsequent meetings. Therefore eligible governments must reapply [as noted under 3.4(a)] each time they wish to stand for JCB membership under paragraph 2.2.1.

17 June 2008
List of Financial Contributors to the Special Programme Resources attending the thirty-first meeting of resource contributors in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 17 June 2008

China
Cuba
Germany
Ghana
India
International Development Research Centre, Ottawa, Canada
International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations, Geneva, Switzerland
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Japan
Luxembourg
Malaysia
Netherlands
Nigeria
Norway
Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Panama
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Thailand
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United States of America