

BEWARE OF THE HYPE

HIV patients worldwide deserve safe, effective and abundant treatment options – not false hope and false medicine.

HYPE

Pharmaceutical patents are the barrier to access to essential medicines in the developing world.

Patented AIDS drugs cost more than copy drugs.

The Clinton Foundation, working with Cipla, has secured a \$140 (per person/per year) price for AIDS drugs for the poor.

Generic AIDS drugs, whether single dose or FDC's are safe, efficacious and should be used en masse in the developing world.

The global scourge of HIV/AIDS has taken a vast and unnecessary toll on the world's population, bringing death to the developing, poverty-stricken nations of the world. Rather than healthcare by press release, this conference should serve as an occasion to promote the Principles of Democratic Governments; Economic Freedoms; Infrastructure Development; Safe, Approved & Effective Medicines and Property Rights. These principles will enable those with HIV/AIDS to live lives of dignity, prosperity and purpose.

TRUTH

The pharmaceutical patent rhetoric - perpetuated by the press and health activists - is flat wrong. Patents on essential medicines are rare in the developing world.

The majority of innovator AIDS drugs are cheaper than copy drugs in the developing world for both single dose and fixed-dose combination (FDC) drugs.

Lost in the publicity, according to the New York Times, were the strict conditions each country must meet to qualify for the \$140 price. Dr. Yusuf K. Hamied, Cipla's chairman, said each country must submit large, irrevocable purchase orders and pay cash. Someone other than the drug company must bear the costs of registering each drug in each country. He also said that his company was not willing to offer the drugs for \$140 until he had "something in writing" from the foundation.

On May 27, the World Health Organization de-listed two generic AIDS drugs - single dose Lamivudine 150mg tablets and double dose Lamivudine plus Zidovudine 300mg tablets from the pre-qualified list because they were not bioequivalent. Both are manufactured by Cipla.

**The World's Poor Deserve Better from Us
than False Hope and False Medicine**