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DIRECTOR OF TB ALLIANCE TO SPEAK AT GATHERING OF LEADERS IN GLOBAL HEALTH ON RECENT PROGRESS TOWARD ERADICATING TUBERCULOSIS

WHAT: A panel of distinguished global health experts speak on
HOW CAN MALARIA AND TB BE CONTAINED?

WHEN: 9 a.m. EST, Wednesday, November 2, 2005

WHERE: Rose Theatre in Jazz at Lincoln Center, in the new Time Warner Center, Columbus Circle

WHO: Dr. Maria Freire, President & CEO, Global Alliance for TB Drug Development
Dr. Paul Farmer, Board of Directors, Partners In Health
Bishop João Somane Machado, United Methodist Church, Mozambique
The Hon. Charity K. Ngilu, Minister of Health, Republic of Kenya
Dr. Steven C. Phillips, Medical Director, Global Issues and Projects Medicine and Occupational Health, Exxon Mobil Corporation
Moderator: Philip Elmer DeWitt, Science Editor, Time Magazine

WHY: Because malaria and tuberculosis, along with HIV/AIDS, are the world's leading killers and this conference is designed to focus attention on these diseases that threaten the planet yet defy today's efforts to control them. With support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the TIME Summit convenes leaders in medicine, government, business, public policy and the arts to develop actions and solutions to the global health crises. Speakers at the conference include Bill Gates, Richard Branson, Lee Jong-wook, Ted Turner, Ann Veneman, Paul Farmer, Madeleine Albright, Paul Wolfowitz, Agnes Binagwaho, Rick Warren, Julie Gerberding and Bono

Dr. Freire will address the current landscape of TB control and will describe two historic clinical trials now underway in the search for new drugs to treat TB. She'll review the dramatic progress made in only five years toward developing new TB drugs and will explore the challenges of advancing the TB drug pipeline, how partnerships with major drug companies could help save lives and what it will take to get new drugs to those who need them most in some of the poorest places on the planet. One-third of the world's population is infected with TB and in the next 15 years, an estimated 1 billion people will be newly infected. Multi-drug resistant strains of the disease are spreading at a rate of 300,000 newly diagnosed cases each year.

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Dr. Freire is an internationally recognized expert in technology commercialization, having led the Office of Technology Transfer at the U.S. National Institutes of Health for seven years where she was responsible for all the patenting and licensing activities of the NIH, as well as for the Food and Drug Administration.

A native of Peru, she currently serves on the Board of the Stop TB Partnership and chairs the Working Group for New Drugs in Stop TB. In addition, she was recently appointed to the World Health Organization Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation and Public Health.

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