We acknowledge our continued support to the WHO Secretariat in the implementation of the IHRs. Work will continue by GHSI members to support the WHO through training opportunities to build the necessary capacity in developing countries. GHSI countries will undertake further efforts to identify ways to initiate and support laboratory training to developing countries as part of their implementation of the IHRs.

10.   We are pleased to have launched this year the public web site (www.ghsi.ca) for the GHSI. This new site has served to facilitate the sharing of information and outcomes from the Initiative.

11.   We welcomed the invitation from the United States to host the next Ministerial Meeting in late 2007.

Statement endorsed by:

$ The Honourable Hakuo Yanagisawa, Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan
$ The Right Honourable Rosie Winterton, Minister of State for Health Services, United Kingdom
$ The Honourable Alex Michael Azar II, Deputy Secretary, United States Department of Health and Human Services, on behalf of Secretary Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services, United States
$ Dr. Klaus Theo Schröder, Deputy Minister, Federal Ministry of Health, on behalf of the Honourable Ulla Schmidt, Minister of Health, Germany
$ Susan Cartwright, Associate Deputy Minister, Health Canada, on behalf of the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Health, Canada
$ His Excellency Miguel Ruiz-Cabañas Izquierdo, Ambassador of Mexico to Japan, on behalf of Dr. José Ángel Córdoba Villalobos, Minister of Health, México
$ Dr. Didier Houssin, Directeur général de la santé, on behalf of l'Honorable Xavier Bertrand, Ministre de la santé et des solidarités, France
$ Dr. Maria Rosaria Capobianchi, Director, Laboratory of Virology, National Institute for Infectious Diseases, on behalf of the Honourable Livia Turco, Minister of Health, Italy
$ Dr. Andrzej Rys, Director, Public Health and Risk Assessment, on behalf of Markos Kyprianou, Commissioner of Health and Consumer Protection, European Commission

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