

*Fund has helped make the Americas a leader in eliminating preventable diseases*

**Washington, June 26, 2008 (PAHO)** fund that helps countries buy large quantities of quality vaccines a



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The PAHO Revolving Fund for Vaccine Procurement has operated for more than 30 years as a coopera

The fund is a critical component of regional immunization efforts that, according to Dr. Cuauhtemoc Ruiz

In a briefing to PAHO's Executive Committee this week, Ruiz, senior advisor on Comprehensive Family

In Latin America and the Caribbean, immunization prevents an estimated 174,000 deaths annually in ch

Members of the PAHO Executive Committee meeting in Washington this week expressed support for the

The fund has allowed better forecasting for vaccine demand and boosted the pharmaceutical industry's

PAHO and World Health Organization (WHO) immunization experts are discussing the establishment of

In the Americas, new and underutilized vaccines such as measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR); yellow fe

PAHO, founded in 1902, works with all the countries of the Americas to improve the health and quality o

## **More about the Fund**

The PAHO Revolving Fund for Vaccine Procurement is a cooperation mechanism established in 1979 for

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