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Dear ECONMED participants

On this occasion we are pleased to share with all you the prices of antiretroviral drugs (valid between April 2010 and March 2011) which PAHO's Strategic Fund (SF) is making available for those Member States that consider the option to make use of this joint procurement mechanism.

[PAHO's SF](#) , also known as *Regional Revolving Fund for Strategic Public Health Supplies* it is a mechanism to promote the access to essential public health supplies of good quality in the Americas that links the procurement of drugs and essential public health supplies with of planning and programming technical processes With the SF, procurements of essential drugs and health commodities adopt a new perspective, since they are accompanied by the support technical of PAHO for the management of systems of supply and the procurement of low-cost products that meet international quality standards.

They found attached the list with the prices (by Package and Vial when pertinent) of the following products: **Abacavir, Zidovudine, Didanoside, Efavirenz, Indinavir, Lamivudine (+Stavudine), Nevirapine, Lopinavir, Tenofovir and Zidovudine** in various (37) presentations according to the product and formulation.

More information on the SF (participants, procedures, benefits ...) is available in its webpage www.paho.org/strategicfund You shall also contact the following PAHO officers for specific information requests

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A warm welcome for the new ECONMED participants (we are already 179) from Peru and Dominican Republic and those who participated in the first meeting of the working group on Biotechnological Products of the [Pan American Network for the Harmonization of Pharmaceutical Regulation](#) that was held in Punta Cana , Dominican Republic between June 14th an 17th . We will soon be circulating a summary of the main topics of discussion and conclusions considered worthy of interest for ECONMED participants as well as some examples of legal regulation of this type of products.

