

FINAL STATEMENT
of the 3rd International Forum
**“Reducing Child Mortality – the Russian experience of universal
pediatric care coverage for child population as an instrument for achieving
Millennium Development Goals”**

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We, participants of the **3rd International Forum “Reducing Child Mortality – the Russian experience of universal pediatric care coverage for child population as an instrument for achieving Millennium Development Goals”** representing healthcare systems of European, Asian, African and American countries, the World Health Organization and other international organizations, professional associations, scientific, medical, educational, research establishments and institutes, **hereby declare:**

1. Joining of effort for achieving Millennium Development Goals (MDG) by 2015 adopted at the UN General Assembly in 2000 has been the most graphic example of global international cooperation in recent years. The following MDGs are directly related to children’s health: MDG 4 (child mortality rate reduction), MDG 5 (maternity protection improvement) and MDG 6 (combat against HIV/AIDS, malaria etc.). According to MDG 4, by 2015 child mortality rate shall be reduced down to 1/3 of the rate recorded in 1990.

Consolidation and coordination of the attempted effort required to achieve these goals are ever more pressing.

2. **The Russian Federation is committed to fulfill its obligations** and takes an active part in implementation of a range of initiatives in the sphere of child mortality rate reduction. One of the primary areas of work is implementation of a five-year program of **practical training of national pediatric care specialists** in low-income countries of Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. The International Forums held in October 2011 in Moscow and in December 2012 in Saint Petersburg aimed at child and infant mortality rate reduction and elaboration of strategic and applied recommendations taking into consideration peculiarities of medical situation in the partnering countries were stages thereof.

3. The world community is in the process of search and discussion of **new development goals in the “Post-2015 Development” era**. The discussion concerning the next generation of global goals raises a question of the place of health improvement progress, primarily, of children. Such goals as the **“Universal health coverage” (UHC)** are brought to the forefront. As a country boasting one of the most efficient pediatric healthcare systems providing **100% access to specialized pediatric care for child population, Russia is ready to make a contribution**. Russia urges world healthcare leaders to **join effort aimed at improvement of pediatric care rendering systems around the world** in order to prevent under-five child mortality due to, including but not limited to, unpractical pediatric care rendering on all levels of medical care rendering. This will require organization of both trainings involving use of **simple moveable simulators (dummies) and seminars involving stationary computer-assisted high-technology simulation training centers** attended by a wider range of expert instructors.

4. The 3rd International Forum was organized in order to **demonstrate achievements of Russian pediatrics and of further training of national specialists** in the developing countries of Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America and to ensure high efficacy of Russian educational programs and conformity thereof to the international standards.

5. **We hereby thank organizers** of the 3rd International Forum “Reducing Child Mortality – the Russian experience of universal pediatric care coverage for child population as an instrument for achieving Millennium Development Goals”: Government of the Russian Federation, Ministry of Health of Russia and the Scientific Center of Children’s Health – for outstanding working environment.

6. **We hereby express readiness to follow the established goals and develop partnerships** for health of children in our countries and around the world.

7. Following the results of the Forum, we propose:

- to found a Restricted Portal for the project’s participants, which will allow sharing opinions, discussing the posted materials and prepare joint communiqués on-line (by the delegation of Armenia);

- to maintain the practice of regular meetings and take into consideration nation-specific experience of the participant countries as part of preparation for the future Forums (by the delegations of Botswana and Uzbekistan);
- to consider the possibility of employing rehabilitation potential of the Kyrgyz Republic in order to improve efficacy of medical care rendering to children (by the delegation of Kyrgyzstan);
- to include issues of rehabilitation care rendering to children with flaccid paralyses in programs of the future educational seminars (by the delegation of Tajikistan);
- to consider involving nurses in the educational programs (by the delegations of Tajikistan and Zimbabwe);
- to enhance participation of pediatricians from the Eastern Europe and the Central Asia in the European Pediatric Association EPA/UNESPA (by the delegation of the Russian Federation).