

FY 2003 Statutory/Report Language on Microbicides:

The following is the Statutory/Report Language currently being requested by the Global Campaign for Microbicides and its partner groups:

Appropriations

1. Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education:

National Institutes of Health:

NIH, Office of the Director --Microbicide Research-- The Committee commends NIH for increasing the funds available for microbicide research and product development. Given the critical public health need for additional HIV prevention options and emerging scientific opportunities, the Committee is supportive of additional increases in funding for this area through OAR, NIAID, NICHD, NIMH, NIDA, and ORWH. The Committee remains concerned, however, that microbicide research at NIH is conducted under several institutes, with no single line of administrative accountability and no specific funding coordination. The Committee urges NIH to continue implementation of the 5-year strategic plan for microbicide research and development, and to accelerate and strengthen efforts to coordinate research among institutes and with other Federal agencies. To accelerate implementation of the strategic plan, the Committee encourages NIH to increase the number of full-time employees dedicated to work encompassed by the plan. The Committee requests a report by March 31, 2003 on the status of its microbicide program, including research efforts, professional judgment funding projections, overall institute funding and staffing levels and implementation of the strategic plan. The Committee recommends that NIH spend not less than \$100 million on microbicide research and development.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

The Committee commends CDC for recognizing the urgent public health need to develop new HIV prevention options by increasing the funds available for microbicide research and development. The Committee urges CDC to continue to expand funding and staff for microbicide research and development within funds provided for global AIDS. These funds could support clinical trials of microbicides as set forth in CDC's HIV Prevention Strategic Plan and its topical microbicide 5-year research agenda.

2. Subcommittee on Foreign Operations:

US Agency for International Development

U.S. Agency for International Development (per previous two fiscal years, the following should be considered for report and statutory language):

The Committee provides not less than \$18 million which should be made available to support the development of microbicides as a means of combating HIV/AIDS.

Recognizing the urgent public health need to develop new HIV prevention options and the emerging scientific opportunities in the field, the Committee is supportive of USAID's research in this area, and urges USAID's Office of HIV/AIDS, in conjunction with other USAID offices and other appropriate federal agencies, to fully implement the Agency's comprehensive strategy to support the development of microbicides, and facilitate wide- scale introduction once these products are available.