**summary of The nitag meeting held on november 6, 2020**

On November 6, in response to a request from the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, an unscheduled NITAG meeting was convened to discuss the following:

1. The deliverables of the NITAG Working Group “COVID-19 vaccination in Ukraine”, established to comprehensively discuss the issue of prioritization of COVID-19 vaccination for the groups at high risk for acute respiratory disease COVID-19, caused by coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, and to approve the preliminary recommendations;
2. Analysis of the availability of vaccines for the prevention of diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus and recommendations for the use of a pentavalent vaccine for the prevention of diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, hepatitis B and hemophilic infection for vaccination of children aged 2 (two) and 4 (four) months with the first and the second doses, according to the National Immunization Schedule.

Experts have reviewed the results of exploratory studies on the issue of prioritization of COVID-19 vaccination for the groups at high risk for acute respiratory disease COVID-19, caused by coronavirus SARS-CoV-2.

Based on the results of the discussions and revision of the criteria for the classification of risk groups for vaccination against COVID-19, the following decision was taken:

* Provide the Ministry of Health of Ukraine with preliminary recommendations on prioritization of COVID-19 vaccination groups (Table: “Criteria for classification of risk groups for vaccination against COVID-19 for different contingents” in the Annex);
* Recommend the Ministry of Health of Ukraine to release guidelines for the use of the combined pentavalent vaccine DTP-Hib-HepB for the second vaccination of children aged 4 (four) months for a period of temporary unavailability of DTP vaccine.

NITAG Working Group “COVID-19 vaccination in Ukraine” continues to develop recommendations for national vaccination strategies against COVID-19 in the light of new evidence and recommendations on vaccines.