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Statement by Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance

Gavi's experience in co-leading COVAX highlighted deep inequities between countries and populations for timely access to pandemic-related products, including vaccines. We therefore strongly agree with the need to put equity and inclusivity at the heart of all efforts to improve the global health emergency architecture.

As an Alliance dedicated to increasing equitable and sustainable use of vaccines, with 23 years of history of investments in pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response, Gavi strongly recommends countries to prioritise routine immunisation as it plays a crucial role in preventing outbreaks and future pandemics, while strengthening health systems for effective vaccine delivery during health emergencies.

Gavi encourages Member States and partners to:

- Harmonize initiatives and mechanisms and promote synergies to improve the global health emergency architecture, and allow for coordinated and efficient efforts, prioritizing meaningful country and civil society engagement.
- Ensure that any vaccine sharing or dose donation mechanisms under the HEPR umbrella enables early, real-time and equitable distribution of vaccine products, made available at the same time to all countries, especially middle- and low-income countries.
- Ensure that lead agencies and mechanisms specialized on diagnostics, vaccines or treatment, play a key role on the distribution of medical countermeasures alongside WHO as part of any future benefit sharing system.
- Support diversified and expanded regional manufacturing capacity to increase vaccine supply security during pandemics, and expand access to other life-saving vaccines sustainably.
- Increase domestic and international financing for PPPR, and ensure availability of at-risk contingency financing, to support surge capacity for a coordinated global response during crises aimed at ensuring equitable access to medical countermeasures for middle- and low-income countries.

Thank you.