Thank you Chair.

In line with the SDG’s ambition of Leaving No One Behind, Gavi welcomes the development of the IA2030 as a significant contribution to our common mission to reach every child with immunisation.

With too many children continuing to miss out on immunisation, a special emphasis is needed to reach the “zero dose” children – those who are not even receiving the first dose of the DTP vaccine.

The “zero dose” children shine light on missed communities that are being left furthest behind from accessing the benefits of immunisation and primary health care. Extending routine immunisation to these missed children in, what are often marginalised communities, is one of the most direct, equitable and achievable approaches to realise the SDG’s ambition of leaving no one behind.

Gavi calls upon Member States to:

- Endorse an ambitious IA2030 Agenda with a focus on zero-dose children.
- Promote data-driven and differentiated implementation of the IA2030 at national and sub-national levels to reach zero dose children.
- Recognise the importance of addressing gender-related barriers hindering access to immunisation.

Thank you.