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1. **Chairperson**, Tanzania aligns its statement with a statement made by Benin.

2. We appreciate an in-depth analysis prepared by the Secretariat on success, challenges and lesson learned from the implementation of the Global Vaccine Action plan (GVAP).

3. Indeed, Tanzania can also attest to this success. Under GVAP, we have managed to introduce new and under used vaccines and our vaccine coverage rates have remarkably increased.

4. **Chairperson**, we share the same sentiments on challenges which are yet to be addressed as we conclude the period under GVAP. For instance, we still have pockets of areas where coverage is low. We, like many of the African countries, are extremely worried of the post GAVI era and whether we can sustain the gain but also embark on introduction of other potential new vaccines.

5. Measle and Rubella elimination targets are still yet to be reached in many African countries, and we plea for strong support and establishment of an eradication targets for measles and rubella across all regions.

6. We welcome the discussions of post Immunization strategy 2030, which we hope can address strategies for countries who will soon graduate from GAVI. We request as we develop this strategy, an emphasis be given in ensuring gains obtained in countries todate, are not lost and there is also continuum of activities.

7. We further recommend the New Immunization strategy put in place strategies to improve access to vaccines to address the constant
global shortages such as what we observed for Inactivated polio vaccine and HPV.

8. Lastly, Tanzania, welcomes the move towards the development of the Immunization strategy and supports the adoption of the resolution.

9. Thank you