Gavi Statement on the Immunization Agenda 2030 (Agenda 14.5)  
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Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

As countries respond to the pandemic, we must ensure it is not at the expense of other immunisation programmes and maintain, restore and strengthen routine immunisation, supporting countries in prioritising highly differentiated and targeted sub-national strategies to reach zero-dose children and missed communities with the full range of basic vaccines and essential health services.

The cost of inaction is clear: after the first year of the pandemic, the number of zero-dose children, who have not received even a single vaccine shot, climbed to more than 17 million.

The Immunisation Agenda 2030’s target of reducing the number of zero-dose children by 50% by 2030 is ambitious, and there is no time to waste. Communities with a large number of zero-dose children are more vulnerable to disease outbreaks, medical impoverishment and death. 17 million children are waiting for us to deliver on our promise, and they shouldn’t have to wait another day.

Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, calls upon Member States to:

- Maintain, restore and strengthen routine immunisation in the context of pandemic response and recovery, with focus on reaching zero-dose children.
- Prioritise differentiated and targeted sub-national strategies that identify and sustainably address the social determinants influencing inequity in immunisation.
- Prioritise health systems strengthening as the pathway to COVID-19 vaccine roll-out, simultaneously reinforcing and extending existing routine immunisation services.
- Prioritise strengthening of health information and disease surveillance systems.
• Leverage, maintain and integrate best practises, innovations and investments made for the COVID-19 response, such as strengthening of real-time data surveillance, to strengthen routine immunisation services.

Thank you.