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Statement by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance

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Agenda item 11.1: Universal Health Coverage

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Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, welcomes the Director-General's report on Universal Health Coverage, and the Resolution on "social participation for universal health coverage, health and well-being".

Gavi supports the recognition of meaningful social participation, particularly by involving local communities and civil society organisations in health decision-making at all levels as an essential element to accelerate equitable progress towards UHC and achieving the 2030 UHC targets.

In fact, people have the right to participate individually and collectively in the planning and implementation of decisions affecting their health.

One important aspect of meaningful participation, in our view, is funding. Since 2021, Gavi has been applying a new approach to harness the full potential of civil society to deliver on Gavi's ambitious mission to leave no one behind with immunisation. This includes a requirement for countries to allocate at least 10% of three combined funds as they submit new funding requests to Gavi.

Gavi calls upon Member States to:

1. Meaningfully engage community-based and civil society organisations to accelerate progress towards UHC and the Immunization Agenda 2030 targets.
2. Ensure domestic and international funding is sufficiently mobilised and invested in meaningful social participation allocated to communities and CSOs, especially to ensure equitable access to essential services within countries.