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Dear G20 Finance and Health Ministers,

The Global COVID-19 Summit on 22 September was key in rallying world leaders and securing commitment to ensure at least 70% of the population in all income categories in all countries are fully vaccinated by mid 2022 — and at least 40% by the end of this year. But meeting this target will require specific, concrete action. We call upon you to agree on a plan of action in your forthcoming G20 Finance and Health Ministers meeting on 29 October, to deliver on these targets. This plan should include the following commitments:

- 1. Ensure at least 70% of people in every income category in every country are fully vaccinated by sharing doses at scale, releasing production slots, and supporting non-exclusive knowledge and technology sharing measures**

All governments must commit to ensuring at least 70% of the population in all income categories in all countries are fully vaccinated by mid next year — and at least 40% by the end of this year. To this end, high-income countries (HICs) must share 2 billion doses by the end of 2021. We are now in Q4, and leaders must share all doses beyond those needed for domestic demand, as soon as they come off the production line, clearly stating when these doses will be delivered, month by month. HICs must publicly commit to send their expected deliveries straight to COVAX and regional mechanisms such as the African Vaccine Acquisition Task Team (AVATT) in Q4 2021, and organize this without delay with pharmaceutical companies. Taking action using any of the routes available including donations and ‘queue swaps’ to prevent COVAX and low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) being pushed to the back of the production line is urgently needed to help fill the gap in global supply to LMICs. In addition to these urgent actions to rebalance distribution of the existing global supply, with HICs planning to offer boosters, we call on G20 countries to support measures to expand that supply — and critically who gets to allocate it — via non-exclusive knowledge and technology sharing.

- 2. Increase multi-year financing for the pandemic response and preparedness in low- and middle-income countries to match the scale of need**

We need an overarching, comprehensive global costing to show what it will take to get to at least 70% coverage in every country, including all COVID-19 tools, full delivery costs and contingency costs for variants or unforeseen costs built in. Governments must commit to delivering the finance for a fully-costed plan, and should start by immediately contributing their fair share to fill the expected gap of around US\$25 billion for the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator, particularly for the Therapeutics and Diagnostics pillars. No more delay. In addition, the newly created **global health security Financial Intermediary Fund (FIF)**, announced at the Summit, should be swiftly established, and provided with significant resources to match the scope and urgency of the need. All funds must be additional to existing ODA in order to protect life-saving funds that support essential services and help communities respond to the impact of COVID-19.

- 3. Reallocation of Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) to support the fight against the pandemic in LMICs**

The historic reallocation by the International Monetary Fund Board of Governors of US\$650 billion in SDRs presents an opportunity for the world to finally deliver meaningful finance at scale to tackle the global pandemic. **We urge advanced economies to donate their SDR allocation to LMICs and ensure that these resources are additional to existing development finance.** France recently took the first step towards this goal by releasing 20% of its SDRs in support of Africa.

Ensuring the full allocation of US\$650 billion SDRs goes towards health and climate for LMICs can help maximize the amount that can be freed up in the short term for the global COVID-19 response.

4. Strengthen global leadership and accountability

To end this crisis, we must urgently translate the targets set out at the COVID-19 Summit into a global plan for action and accountability. **We call on you to support a robust accountability framework and transparent process in which governments and pharmaceutical companies cease conducting transactions and distribution of COVID-19 medical tools in secrecy.** Data should be published on vaccine orders, including prices, and deliveries, as well as regarding other COVID-19 tools, and there should be regular reporting of data on your financing, donations and production slots that will allow the global community to track plans and commitments, and identify and close gaps.

Humanity deserves a world where every country is equipped to end the COVID-19 crisis and every country is prepared to stop infectious disease outbreaks from becoming deadly and costly pandemics. We are counting on you to take the urgent steps needed now to help protect us all. Many thanks for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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