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Dear Leaders,

Ahead of the forthcoming G20 Leaders Summit, 56 civil society groups from around the world urge you to **ramp up action so everyone has the tools to curb COVID-19 and improve resilience to and prevent future pandemics**. Sustained leadership and investment in prevention, preparedness, and response (PPR), are crucial priorities for all countries as the world moves into an era of ongoing pandemic threats. We are already experiencing the resurgence of old challenges, as well as new ones, including polio, hepatitis, Ebola, and monkeypox. Prevention, containment, and equitable response must remain a critical global priority for the G20. Health crises continue to set development progress back, impact our economies, and undermine the world’s ability to tackle other global crises. While Indonesia’s G20 Presidency advanced key agreements and proposals on PPR, such as the new Financial Intermediary Fund for Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response (known as the Pandemic Fund), the world remains far from breaking the cycle of “panic and neglect.” The forthcoming meetings provide a critical opportunity to reassert leadership, deliver finance at scale, and kick-start the package of measures needed to pandemic proof our world.

***Deliver finance at scale for low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)***

- **Channel US\$100 billion in special drawing rights (SDRs).** Almost a year ago, the G20 committed to collectively recycle US\$100 billion in SDRs; however, to date only US\$60 billion (not including the U.S.) of pledges have been made. The IMF’s Resilience and Sustainability Trust (RST) is now officially operational but only slightly more than half of the total of current RST pledges have been converted into contributions to the Trust. By the Leaders Summit, G20 countries and other advanced economies should channel as much as possible of their SDR allocation — ideally at least 30% — and/or announce a timeline for doing so and commit to reporting on pledges, commitments, and disbursements.
- **Release a roadmap to unlock new lending from multilateral development banks (MDBs).** Reforming the approach to capital adequacy could unleash US\$500 billion to US\$1 trillion in new lending capacity, which can be used to bolster financing for pandemic preparedness, without risking the MDBs’ financial health.<sup>1</sup> The G20 should lay out and pursue an ambitious roadmap to implement the G20 Independent Review of MDBs’ Capital Adequacy Frameworks, using your position as a coherent package that is meaningfully informed by, and responsive to, the needs of borrower countries.

***Invest in pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response (PPR) — with equity at the heart***

- **Increase and incentivize investments in the Pandemic Fund.** The Fund has an annual target to raise and mobilize US\$10.5 billion per year. To date, only US\$1.45 billion has been pledged. Thank you for the contributions to the Fund, however, G20 leaders must help close this funding gap as soon as possible and advance a sustainable funding plan based on the

<sup>1</sup> [www.bancaditalia.it/pubblicazioni/qef/2019-0488/index.html?com.dotmarketing.htmlpage.language=1](http://www.bancaditalia.it/pubblicazioni/qef/2019-0488/index.html?com.dotmarketing.htmlpage.language=1)

Global Public Investment model, whereby all countries, at all income levels, contribute to PPR as a public good and all countries benefit.

- **Fund the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) 2.0, FIND — the global alliance for diagnostics — and public health institutes.** We call on G20 governments to support the 100 Days Mission by investing in CEPI to accelerate research and development of new vaccines as well as supporting diagnostics through FIND for emerging epidemic and pandemic threats using an equitable global approach. G20 countries should support the capacities of national and regional public health institutes in sub-Saharan Africa including in field epidemiology, disease detection, laboratory diagnosis and optimize the health workforce skill mix, and should convene all stakeholders to jointly define targets to accelerate regional vaccine, therapeutics, and diagnostic production.
- **Global Fund, Gavi, and other organizations are also crucial to PPR and need additional resources and global support** as part of a comprehensive effort.

***Prevent and prepare for the next pandemic by fixing gaps in the system and in policies***

- **Endorse the creation of a multisectoral high-level council to tackle global health threats and advance its set up through the UN High-Level Meeting for Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response in 2023.** Leveraging existing external assessments, such as the Global Health Security Index and Joint External Evaluations, would assist decision-making by helping to identify gaps and health security threats.
- **Ensure equitable access to pandemic countermeasures and initiate a process to address this gap now and for the future.** As COVID-19 becomes more endemic, we urge you to not drop the emergency COVID-19 response strategy, but adapt it so that the response is optimally integrated with other essential health services led by professionals closest to delivery of these services. Efforts to vaccinate the global health workforce by the end of the year must be redoubled and COVID-19 countermeasures must be provided to all that need them — including PPE that fits women, who make up 70% of the health workforce. Furthermore, public financing invested in research that leads to countermeasures should be tied to strong access conditions for the resulting pandemic tools. We also call for your support for the extension of the WTO TRIPS decision to include tests and treatments.
- **Reinforce the importance of a One Health approach.** Most emerging infectious diseases originate from the spillover of pathogens from animals to people — but this can be prevented, and many of the actions to prevent spillovers will also mitigate climate change. Addressing the threat of spillovers promotes health equity, particularly for the world's poorest. Meeting the Global Health Security Agenda's target of at least one trained veterinarian per 400,000 animal units, and working to meet relevant International Health Regulations (IHR) and Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) core competencies is critical to reinforcing the One Health approach.

Outbreaks can be prevented and new pathogens can be contained — but ongoing pandemics are a political choice. Decisive leadership can deliver a path to health security for people worldwide: we know what the solutions are, and the investments required are modest compared to the human, economic, and health dividends they reap. We, 56 global, regional, national, and local organizations signing this letter, urge you to take these actions and bring us a strong step forward towards a more resilient world. We are ready to meet you and your team at your earliest convenience to discuss how we can support your work in these areas.

Yours respectfully,

1. Access Challenge
2. ACCESS Health International
3. Alpha Action for Social and Economic Development
4. Amis des Étrangers au Togo (ADET)
5. Amref Health Africa
6. AVAC
7. Center for Asia-Pacific Resilience and Innovation (CAPRI)
8. Center for Global Health Security & Diplomacy (CGHSD)
9. Center for Indonesia's Strategic Development Initiatives (CISDI)
10. Conservation International
11. CORE Group
12. Covidpedia Labs | Infodemic Labs
13. Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW)
14. East African Health Platform (EAHP)
15. Fast-Track Cities Institute
16. FIND, the global alliance for diagnostics
17. Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
18. Fundación Huésped
19. Global Citizen
20. Global Health Advocacy Incubator
21. Global Health Impact
22. Global Health Security Agenda Consortium (GHSAC)
23. Global Health Technologies Coalition (GHTC)
24. Global Institute for Disease Elimination (GLIDE)
25. Goodbye Malaria
26. Heart that Cares for Better Health Organization (HCBH)
27. IntraHealth International
28. International Association of Providers of AIDS Care
29. International Medical Corps
30. Internews
31. Korean Advocates for Global Health (KAGH)
32. LIAISON
33. LiveWell Initiative LWI.
34. Malaria Youth Army Champion/DRC
35. Management Sciences for Health (MSH)
36. Marked by COVID
37. Nigeria Health Watch
38. ONE
39. Pandemic Action Network
40. PATH
41. PAX sapiens
42. Right to Health Action
43. Resolve to Save Lives
44. RESULTS UK
45. Sabin Vaccine Institute
46. Safe Mother and Childhood Survival Research Initiative (SAMOCRI)
47. Spark Street Advisors
48. Stowarzyszenie Higieny Lecznictwa (SHL)
49. Speak Up Africa
50. The Coalition for Health Research and Development (CHReaD)
51. The Task Force for Global Health
52. The Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI)
53. Training for Health Equity Network: THEnet
54. United for Global Mental Health
55. WACI Health
56. Wote Youth Development Projects (WOYDEP)