



Report to the GAVI Alliance Board

4-5 December 2012

Subject:	Consent Agenda: Board Chair appointment
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Category:	For Decision
Strategic goal:	Alliance operations

Section A Overview

1 Purpose of the report

1.1 This report reviews the nomination of the Board Chair.

2 Recommendations

2.1 The Governance Committee recommends that the Board:

- **Appoint** Dagfinn Høybråten as Chair of the Board with individual signatory authority effective 1 January 2013 and until 31 December 2014.

The minutes will note that Dagfinn Høybråten did not participate in discussion or voting on his appointment.

3 Executive Summary

3.1 On 23 August 2012, Dagfinn Høybråten sent a letter to the Governance Committee Chair copying the Board to express an interest in reappointment. The Governance Committee Chair responded on 26 August noting that the Board had “greatly benefited from the energy and focus that you have brought it its oversight. Indeed, the GAVI Alliance as a whole has made huge strides under your chairmanship....”

3.2 At the Governance Committee’s 3 October meeting, the Governance Committee Chair proposed a process to appoint the next Board Chair. She reminded the Committee of Dagfinn Høybråten's letter and that the Nordic Council of Ministers, which had recently appointed Mr Høybråten as Secretary General, would allow him adequate time and travel to fulfil his GAVI responsibilities. The Governance Committee Chair reported her understanding that there is strong support for his candidacy among the

Board members, and that she was aware of no other interest to run for Board Chair. As such, she planned to handle the appointment in an uncontested manner at the November meeting. The Committee agreed with this approach.

- 3.3 During its meeting on 8 November, the Governance Committee considered the appointment and recommended that the Board reappoint Mr Høybråten during its meeting in Tanzania in December 2012.

4 Risk implication and mitigation

- 4.1 The Board Chair is one of GAVI's key leadership positions and should not go unfilled. The appointment of Mr Høybråten assures continuity of leadership.

5 Financial implications: Business plan and budgets

- 5.1 There are no financial implications.

Section B Content

1 Dagfinn Høybråten's biography

- 1.1 Dagfinn Høybråten is the Chair of the GAVI Alliance Board. He is a Vice President of The Norwegian Parliament representing the Christian Democratic Party and a member of the Standing committee for Foreign Affairs and Defence. He has previously served as chairman and Parliamentary leader of his party and as president of the Nordic Council. From 1 March 2013, he will leave the Norwegian Parliament to take on his new position as Secretary General of the Nordic Council of Ministers. Prior to this position Mr Høybråten has held several senior positions in Norwegian Government including Minister of Health, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs and State Secretary, Ministry of Finance and a Member of the Board of Governors of Norway's Central Bank. As a Minister, Mr Høybråten was responsible for initiating several major health and social reforms, including new tobacco control legislation, a comprehensive Mental Health Plan and a reorganization of the welfare administration.
- 1.2 Mr Høybråten has also served as the Director General of Norway Social Security Administration, an Executive Director of the Norwegian Association of Local Government and a Chief Executive of the municipality of Oppegård. Mr Høybråten holds a degree in Political Science from the University of Oslo.
- 1.3 In September 2012, the Nordic Ministers for Co-operation decided that Dagfinn Høybråten would be appointed the new Secretary General of the Nordic Council of Ministers from March 2013.
- 1.4 A dedicated webpage on Dagfinn Høybråten's chairship of GAVI can be found at: <http://www.gavialliance.org/about/governance/gavi-board/dagfinn-hoybraten/>.

Section C Implications

1 Impact on countries

1.1 There is no impact on countries.

2 Impact on GAVI stakeholders

2.1 There is no impact on stakeholders.

3 Impact on Secretariat

3.1 There is no impact on the Secretariat.

4 Legal and governance implications

4.1 There are no other legal or governance implications.

5 Consultation

5.1 Consultation is reviewed in section A, part 3.

6 Gender implications

6.1 There are no issues contained in this report that have gender equality implications.