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## PREVENTION OF CERVICAL CANCER IN AFRICA: A CALL TO ACTION THE OXFORD DECLARATION, 27 March 2009

Every 10 minutes, a woman in Africa dies from cervical cancer, despite the fact that almost every case is preventable through a programme of screening, treatment and vaccination against the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV).

Participants (African First Ladies, African health ministers, clinicians, activists and representatives of NGOs and pharmaceutical industry) attending this convention, organised by Afrox, have unanimously agreed to the following **three resolutions**:

- 1. We call upon all African governments to recognise and acknowledge the magnitude of the problem of cervical cancer in Africa and the need for immediate, coordinated international action.
- 2. We will work with African Governments, NGOs and other international partners to implement effective cervical cancer screening includes treatment programmes, taking into account the latest technology and ensuring equity of access for all women.
- 3. We will galvanise African Governments, the GAVI Alliance, the pharmaceutical industry, and other international partners to utilise newly emerging tools to deliver an effective and affordable programme of HPV vaccination to the nations of Sub-Saharan Africa and support research which will advance knowledge in this field.

We unanimously agree that implementation of this declaration requires immediate, vigorous and collective action.

## All attendees at the AfrOx HPV Convention hereby commit their support to this Declaration:

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