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**Statement by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance**  
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**Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

Thank you, Chair.

The full and fast implementation of Agenda 2030 is in everyone's interest and is everyone's responsibility. Like many here, Gavi realises we need to go further and faster.

This year is the first full review of progress and Head of State reflection for all 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Working with Member States and working innovatively, the Gavi Alliance has played a significant role in catalysing an increase in resources for immunisation, expanding access to vaccines in lower income countries and contributing to the dramatic reduction in child mortality.

The guiding principle of the SDGs is integration, and strong immunisation programmes provide opportunities to integrate other health services and contribute to other policy goals on gender equality, nutrition, education, infrastructure, security or prosperity. Every \$1 spent on childhood immunisations in 94 LMICs generates US\$ 44 return in the broader benefits of people living longer, healthier, and more productive lives.

One learning is that to increase equitable access and coverage of immunisation, it is important to prioritise investment and commitment to health as a public good. This will require domestic resources to be allocated efficiently, resilient health systems to be made a political priority and policy coherence.

Gavi believes in collaboration where it adds value and is a signatory to the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All (GAP). Even before it was initiated, we were actively and systematically collaborating with over half the signatories to GAP.

Under the GAP, Gavi is co-leading Accelerator 1 on Sustainable Financing to help countries rapidly improve the generation, allocation, and use of funds for health. We are also engaged in PHC and Fragility accelerators. We are also part of the discussions of the future of the Global Vaccine Action Plan which is an opportunity to reflect on how immunisation will contribute to the SDG agenda.

Achieving the Agenda 2030 vision of 'leaving no-one behind' means getting to the zero dose children, the fifth child in overcrowded urban places or in hard to reach places or on the move somewhere between places.

We will work with you all to fulfil our obligation and commitment to Agenda 2030.