

“GLOBAL VACCINE SUMMIT”,

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Dear colleagues, Dear friends,

the Coronavirus has dramatically recalled us how important immunization is to prevent pandemics. It has also demonstrated that investments in global health and vaccines are key not only to save lives and protect the most vulnerable, but also to preserve global security, stability and prosperity.

Over the last 20 years, GAVI has represented the bedrock of global immunization, having allowed generations of children to grow healthy. It has also contributed to build more resilient national health systems.

Thanks to its model of public-private cooperation, GAVI is one of our most impactful global development partnerships. It has been an essential player to achieve Universal Health Coverage, Global Health Security, Sustainable Development and well-being for all.

GAVI has also pioneered innovative financing instruments to quickly develop and distribute new vaccines at low prices: such as the International Finance Facility for Immunization (IFFIm) and the Advance Market Commitment (AMC), of which Italy has been a promoter and one of the largest donors.

As we continue to rally for the global health response to Covid-19, Italy, as one of the co-leaders of the International Alliance within the ACT-Accelerator, strongly supports the emerging Covax Facility and is ready to contribute to the GAVI Covid-19 AMC. Therefore, we have agreed, in partnership with other original donors of the AMC pilot, to repurpose the final Italian balance of almost 80 million dollars to fund the new Covid-19 AMC.

Dear Friends,

in recognition of the results achieved by GAVI so far, I am proud to announce the following further pledges from Italy.

First, as I have recently anticipated, Italy will make an additional direct contribution of 120 million euros for the next 5 years, a 20% increase compared to our previous support.

Second, acknowledging the fundamental role played by IFFIm, we have decided to extend our contribution to the Facility until 2030 with a new pledge of 150 million euros, for a total amount of 287.5 million Euros.

These contributions are a concrete signal of our willingness to continue to invest in effective multilateralism and international cooperation and solidarity. We intend to put these values at the core of our G20 Presidency in 2021. This is our solidarity in action. All together, we will achieve our goals.

Thank you.