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Luis Alfonso de Alba  
Special Envoy for the Secretary General's Climate Action Summit  
United Nations

Dear Mr. De Alba,

I, on behalf of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, would like to express our support to the work of the Social and Political Drivers Coalition, in particular in the area of health. This coalition aims at investing in targeted areas such as:

- Climate-informed health surveillance and response systems for heatwaves, storms and floods, and for water and vector-borne diseases such as cholera and malaria.
- Investment in “climate-smart” healthcare facilities, that meet agreed criteria for climate resilience, access to renewable energy, and minimization of carbon emissions.

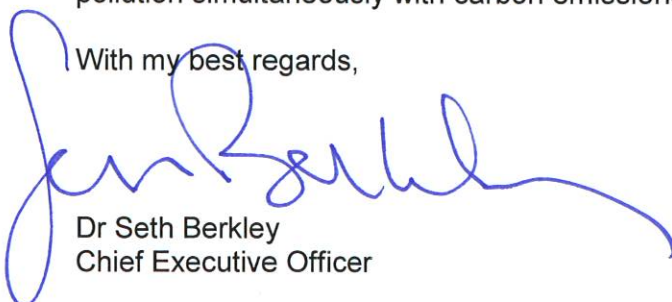
I would therefore like to communicate our support through the following commitment:

**Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, commits to scale up our investment in proven interventions for climate-resilient health systems in the period 2020-2025. In line with our mission to save children’s lives and protect people’s health by increasing equitable use of vaccines, we will focus our efforts on (1) increasing access to immunisation to help protect populations from effect of climate change, particularly climate-sensitive diseases; (2) supporting systems-level investments and emergency vaccine stockpiles to improve ability to prevent and respond to climate-induced outbreaks, and (3) supporting countries to reduce their health-care related footprint through scaling up more energy-efficient refrigeration and improved waste management practices.**

**Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, also commits to advocate for climate-resilient health systems that are able to deliver critical immunisation and primary health care services to those left furthest behind in the period 2020-2025.**

The commitment aims to protect the lives of the most vulnerable populations, and to deliver and scale up the Paris commitments on adaptation financing, and to address the widely recognized gap in financing health adaptation, by mainstreaming climate change into their core health sector investments. It would also raise ambition by improving the access of citizens, subnational and national Governments to the data and information necessary to assess the extent to which progress is being made in addressing air pollution simultaneously with carbon emissions.

With my best regards,



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Chief Executive Officer