



STATEMENTS SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF GLOBAL HEALTH COUNCIL (GHC) TO THE SIXTY-EIGHTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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Statement:

Chairperson, Honorable Ministers, distinguished delegates, colleagues:

Thank you for the opportunity to deliver this statement on behalf of Global Health Council, Global Health Technologies Coalition and the International HIV/AIDS Alliance.

As the world discusses the next set of global development goals, there is a rare window of opportunity to address issues that have not been sufficiently covered under the MDGs and that are critical to the success of the SDGs. We would like to draw attention to two particular areas that are critical to meeting health targets – the creation of new tools such as new vaccines, diagnostics, medical devices and drugs through research and development; and ensuring that all people have access to these and other life-saving commodities and services regardless of gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability or other socially defining factors. Programming and attention to these issues will be the focus of many efforts once the SDGs are launched, but indicators, monitoring and reporting will be crucial to tracking their progress.

Consequently, while we commend the work of the UN to develop indicators to monitor and measure progress against the proposed SDGs, we also note that in order to be truly effective the SDG monitoring framework must ensure that:

At least one comprehensive target and global indicator are included relating to global health R&D and innovation; language that strongly emphasizes the use of innovation for health as a method of implementing the development goal framework is included in the chapeau section of the final goal framework document; UHC targets, indicators and mechanisms address the needs of all marginalized people, including LGBTI and other populations experiencing exclusion and discrimination; and, language is included calling for the elimination of discriminatory laws, policies and practices across the targets under the health goal.

We stand ready to support Member States and WHO as we establish a sustainable development framework for a healthy future for all.