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Dear Petitioner,

Thank you for your email. The European Commission is more committed than ever to curbing the impact of the pandemic worldwide and to reducing the inequalities we are witnessing so far. This is at the core of our engagement, and we closely cooperate with our partners in the multilateral system. We are actively engaged in the G20 Joint Finance and Health Task Force, we most recently attended the G7 Joint development and health ministerial meeting held on 19 May 2022, the G7 Health Ministers Meeting on 19/20 May and the G7 Joint Health and Finance Ministers meeting on 20 May under the German G7 Presidency. Necessary action to overcome the pandemic were discussed and important commitments made to overcome the pandemic as set out in the G7 Health Ministers Communique and the annexed new Pact for Pandemic Readiness.

In addition to previous commitments, the European Commission has recently reconfirmed its engagement to leave no one behind. During the 2nd COVID-19 Summit organized on 12 May, we have committed EUR 300 million to transform vaccines into vaccination in Africa, where the vaccination rates are the lowest. This comes as an addition to the EUR 100 million committed for vaccination in 2021 and EUR 75M committed in February 2022 to accelerate vaccination. In addition, further support has been provided to increase access to Therapeutics, Oxygen, Personal Protective Equipment and Diagnostics, with a EUR 100 million commitment, which adds to the previous commitment of EUR 50 million made in February 2021.

In order to tackle the crippling effect of COVID-19 on other diseases, health systems and the economy, the European Commission has put in place several support mechanisms: we are contributing to several global health initiatives such as the Global Fund to fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria, UNFPA Supplies and GAVI, supporting health system strengthening bilaterally and regionally, with over 1 billion to increase local production, favour technology transfer, support public health institutes, health security, sexual and reproductive health and rights and digital health. Our engagement to ensure a better preparedness in the future has been recently strengthened, through our political and financial support to the Financial Intermediary Fund on Global Pandemic Preparedness to be hosted by the World Bank, with a first pledge of EUR 426 million and through an ongoing dialogue with the World Bank Group and the IMF, notably on the use of SDR.

The COVID-19 pandemic has also made very clear that important reforms are needed to make our global health architecture stronger. The negotiations on a WHO convention, agreement or other instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, as well as to strengthen the International Health Regulations, provide a historic opportunity

to reinforce global health security. The EU is also strongly committed to working with all WHO Member States and global partners under these negotiation processes.

Only through our joint efforts will we manage to tackle the pandemic and its wider impact on societies. We look forward to our continued collaboration with Civil Societies.

Yours sincerely,

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