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## PRESS RELEASE

The joint Declaration of the G7 members strengthens their commitments to improving access to health care for all.

### Text of the Declaration attached

The G7 members committed to improving access to health care for all and strengthening primary health care.

The joint Declaration addresses the ambitious goals set down by France and its partners:

- **Stepping up the fight against unequal access to health care**

The G7 members committed to strengthening primary health care, which addresses the needs of individuals throughout their lives in terms of prevention, screening and treatment, in order to more effectively combat health inequality.

They also agreed on a priority: combating gender equality, particularly as regards access to health care worldwide and representation of women in health care sector decision-making authorities.

- **Stepping up the fight against pandemics to end AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria by 2030**

The G7 countries have committed to continuing their efforts to ensure the success of the sixth Replenishment Conference of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, which will be held for the first time in France in Lyon, on 9 and 10 October 2019. This international conference will seek to raise at least \$14 billion to combat AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria in order to eliminate the three pandemics by 2030.

- **Improving the effectiveness of health systems by sharing knowledge**

**At the initiative of the G7 members, five international organizations have committed to cooperating for the first time on the creation of a knowledge-sharing platform.**

On 17 May, a letter of commitment to collaborating on primary health care was signed by: the World Health Organization (WHO); the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance; and the World Bank. They will draft a report by the end of 2019 on the means of creating a collaborative platform for G7 members.

This platform should help:

- **Develop sharing of knowledge and expertise** around primary health care between G7 countries;
- **Strengthen dialogue on primary health care between G7 countries and low- and middle-income countries**, particularly in the G5 Sahel;
- **Foster innovation** around strengthening primary health care, while drawing on contributions from civil society (researchers, specialists, patients, NGOs and the private sector, for example).

“This declaration lays the foundations for enhanced cooperation to improve access to health care for all. We will continue our efforts in the coming months with support from all stakeholders, so that health remains a priority and a fundamental theme on the international agenda,” said Agnès Buzyn, French Minister for Solidarity and Health.

The commitments in this declaration will be presented at the Leaders’ Summit in Biarritz, which will be held from 24 to 26 August. They will also be taken into consideration at other international events in 2019, including:

- The World Health Assembly in Geneva on 20 May;
- The United Nations General Assembly in New York on 18 September;
- The Replenishment Conference of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in Lyon on 10 October;
- The meeting of G20 Health Ministers on 19 and 20 October in Okayama.

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