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Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain  
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Dear Mr. Prime Minister and Mr. Zoellick,

With reference to our letter of 22 May to the High Level Task Force, we have pleasure in enclosing a brief update for your consideration, on the progress made to date with establishing a joint platform for supporting health systems. GAVI, the Global Fund, the World Bank, facilitated by WHO, have all been working very closely together to make this a reality, and we have now established clear and workable options to take to our boards for consideration in November this year.

We are all very excited about the forthcoming meeting on 23 September, and look forward to hearing more about possible sources of support to help countries access essential support to address health systems bottlenecks.

Yours sincerely,

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