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Dear Prime Minister Johnson,

We are writing ahead of your crucial summit meeting in the United Kingdom on June 11 to urge the G7 to put in place a financial plan of action for achieving the vaccination of the world now needed to save lives.

You will be meeting against a distressing backdrop. The Director-General of the World Health Organization has warned that deaths due to Covid-19 in 2021 could surpass the levels reached last year. Many countries are today struggling with high transmission rates, over-stretched intensive care units, and desperate shortages of medical oxygen.

As nurses working to contain the disease, we are deeply aware of our responsibilities to our fellow citizens around the world.

The development of vaccines was a triumph of science and endeavour. The delivery of vaccines to the world's poorest countries and people will require a triumph of international cooperation, leadership, and hard financial planning. As wealthy countries move towards coverage rates of 70 per cent and above, coverage across sub-Saharan Africa remains less than 1 per cent. The vaccine gap between rich and poor countries is growing by the day. Changing this picture is an ethical imperative. It is also an epidemiological necessity.

The phrase 'none of us are safe until all of us are safe' is not a political slogan but a scientific fact. Faced with a global pandemic, we are only as strong as the weakest link in the chain.

Several G7 countries have contributed generously to Covax, which plans to deliver two billion doses this year to more than 120 countries, and the wider ACT-Accelerator (ACT-A) architecture. However, it is increasingly evident to us that the pace and scale of international cooperation must be stepped up. That applies first and foremost to vaccination. But we must not lose sight of the wider pressures on fragile health systems. The scenes from India have provided a reminder of the suffering associated with shortages of medical oxygen. Meanwhile, we are deeply aware that primary health care services are suffering from the disruption caused by Covid-19.

It is against this background that we call on you to galvanise international action. We support the call of Gordon Brown, Graça Machel and others for the G7 to fully finance its share of the resources needed to support ACT-A over the next two years. The current

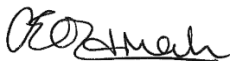
financing gap amounts to around \$66bn (including \$19bn for this year). Closing that gap would provide the resources needed to accelerate progress towards universal adult vaccination.

Countries attending the G7 summit should agree a simple financing formula for allocating contributions. Based on a burden-sharing formula developed by South Africa and Norway, these countries would cover around-two-thirds of overall ACT-A financing, or around \$43bn over two years. The G7 is also well placed to mobilise through agencies like the IMF and World Bank the additional finance needed to support vaccine delivery and essential services through investment in health systems, especially primary health care.

We are, of course, aware that every G7 country is facing its own financial pressures. Yet there is an overwhelming case for you to act. The costs of vaccinating the world will be dwarfed by the economic costs of lost trade and economic output if we fail to act. More importantly, the human costs of failing to finance our global effort are simply unacceptable, including for citizens living in the G7 countries. We urge you to seize that opportunity on behalf of humanity.

Yours sincerely

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