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THE KAMPALA DECLARATION ON THE GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY AGENDA

We, the Ministers and Heads of Delegation of Participating Countries of the Global Health Security Agenda, assembled in Kampala, Uganda, October 25-27, 2017 to advance global health security, are hereby:

Reaffirming our vision of a world safe and secure from global health threats posed by infectious diseases, whether naturally occurring, deliberate, or accidental;

Recognizing that failure to control outbreaks costs lives and is far more expensive than prevention;

Emphasizing that it is our goal to protect our people, avoid loss of life, and sustain social-economic gains and stability;

Commending Participating Countries and our partners from around the world for achieving significant advances in developing sustained country-level health security capacity since the launch of the Global Health Security Agenda in 2014;

Highlighting the role that the Global Health Security Agenda has played in spurring joint and multi-sector actions by government and non-government partners to achieve many of these gains;

Appreciating the World Health Organization's leadership in supporting countries to build health security capacity and implement the International Health Regulations (2005);

Noting the contributions of the Global Health Security Agenda to the World Health Organization's efforts in improving monitoring and evaluation of International Health Regulations (2005) implementation and supporting countries to develop national plans; and

Acknowledging that significant work remains to fully achieve and sustain health security.

Therefore, we will continue our work to strengthen global health security, and declare our support for extending the Global Health Security Agenda until 2024 to accelerate the implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005).

Furthermore, to ensure a clear and common understanding of our joint way forward on the initiative, we request that the Global Health Security Agenda Steering Group develop, in consultation with all interested Participating Countries, advisors, and affiliated organizations, a detailed proposal describing the scope of work, specific aims, and any recommended improvements in GHSa processes and working methods for the next phase of the initiative to be presented at the Global Health Security Agenda high-level meeting to be held in 2018.