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6. Strengthening health emergency preparedness, response and resilience: learning the lessons and building back better

GSCF and IFPMA welcome the opportunity to provide comments and share our Lessons learned from Covid-19, which highlights that swift pathogen surveillance and sharing, an enabling innovation ecosystem, and regulatory agility are among the lessons that must be preserved for future ability to fight against unknown diseases. The most important lesson of the above-mentioned report is that we must redouble collective efforts to achieve health equity, while ensuring health systems and delivery infrastructure are strengthened. These learnings have resulted in industry tabling the Berlin Declaration, which proposes to create a collaborative solution for more equitable rollout of vaccines, treatments, and diagnostics for future pandemics. In concrete terms industry commits to setting aside doses specifically for poorer countries at the outset of a future pandemic.

As discussions continue on how to strengthen health emergency preparedness, we must bear in mind that any future global health architecture must acknowledge a multistakeholder structure, including industry, public agencies, multilateral organizations, financial institutions, governments, and philanthropic organizations. This is the only viable solution to managing pandemic crises.