



THE PRIME MINISTER

Statement by the Prime Minister of Denmark on the Global COVID-19 Summit

Denmark is fully committed to curbing the pandemic and preparing for the next. International cooperation is pivotal, and Denmark is already taking concrete action in concert with global partners and key players to strengthen global health security and resilience.

The COVID-19 pandemic has vividly illustrated the interconnectedness of our world. To effectively combat the pandemic and build a more resilient global health system, we need increased international cooperation and investments in pandemic preparedness and response. Denmark is ready to do our part, including in close partnership with key multilateral organisations such as the WHO as well as Member States.

Vaccines remain our key weapon against new outbreaks and mutations of COVID-19. A key focus should be on increasing the global supply and access to vaccines, now and in the future. In the short term, we must boost global vaccination coverage through increased vaccine sharing. To that end, I have announced at the UN General Assembly that Denmark will redouble our previous vaccine donation pledge from 3 million to more than 6 million doses. That is more than one vaccine for every Danish citizen. COVAX will be the primary vehicle for Danish donations. In the longer term, vaccinating and revaccinating the world require us to upscale global vaccine production capacity, including by strengthening the supply of critical components. Denmark is strongly invested in this important agenda with our global partners and the European Union.

Health threats are unpredictable. To shield us from future health crises, we must tirelessly explore and invest in innovative therapeutics, including new vaccine technologies. That is why Denmark will invest more than 120 million USD in the development of a new COVID-19 vaccine that can also serve as a booster vaccine. We must not be caught off guard again.

Global solidarity is paramount in building back better from this pandemic and ensuring our common health security. Denmark supports the establishment of a new financing mechanism that will ensure predictable and sustainable health security financing that will complement and support efforts to strengthen the WHO. No country is an island in the face of devastating health crises. Denmark is committed to moving forward towards a safer future for all.