

**Partecipazione della Vice Ministra Sereni
all'evento di lancio dell'"Advanced Market Commitment Investment Opportunity -
One World Protected"
(15 aprile, ore 14.00)**

Dear colleagues and friends,

at the outset, allow me to **thank the United States Government and GAVI** for inviting Italy to take part in the **COVAX AMC "One World Protected Event"** to launch a new Investment Opportunity.

A year ago, we united against the **common threat** posed by the **pandemic**. We collectively created the ACT Accelerator to **ensure universal and equitable distribution of diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines**. We established the COVAX Facility, which we believe remains the **best tool at the disposal of the international community to conduct a world-wide vaccination campaign**, especially in low and middle income countries.

Immunisation must be seen as a global public good and we **must live up to the promise not to leave anyone behind**, especially the most vulnerable.

Italy has been - from the beginning - a **strenuous supporter of a multilateral response to this crisis**. We have advocated the **strengthening of the global health architecture** centered around all the relevant actors such as GAVI, WHO, CEPI and others. We are heartened to see the **United States' renewed commitment to the multilateral health system** and invite other countries that have not yet done so to **join these collective efforts**.

We are glad to see that the **Covax Facility has delivered 38 million doses to more than 100 countries and economies**. A great deal has been achieved but **more – much more – remains to be done**. The pandemic is not over yet and an additional, collective effort is required of all of us. **Italy has done and will continue to do its part**.

With the additional responsibility deriving from **being the G20 Presidency this year**, we are ready to work together with GAVI and all the other health actors - as well as the donor community - to mobilise the necessary political and financial support to defeat this pandemic. Together with the European Commission, we have convened a **Global Health Summit that will take place on the 21st of May**.

On that occasion we aim to adopt a **set of principles** to guide the international community **in pandemic prevention, preparedness and response**. The experts tell us that this pandemic will not be the last one. We have to be **better prepared for a future outbreak and invest now for tomorrow's universal health**.

I thank you all for your attention.