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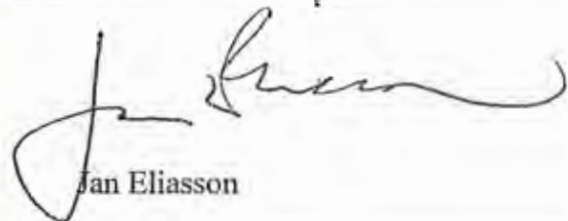
17 October 2012

Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 19 September 2012, inviting me to participate in the Partners' Forum of the GAVI Alliance, to be held from 5 to 7 December 2012 in Dar-es-Salaam. I regret that I will not be able to attend this important event, due to prior commitments on the proposed dates.

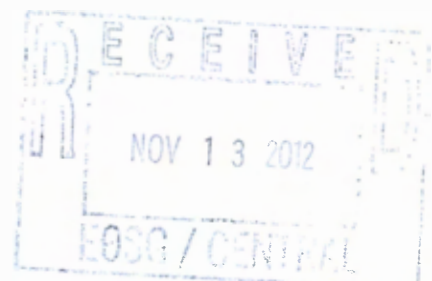
I appreciate your understanding and wish you a successful event. A copy of this letter will be sent to Messrs. Dagfinn Høybråten and Seth Berkley.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

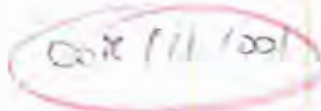


Jan Eliasson

His Excellency
Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi
Minister of Health and Social Welfare
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Dar-es-Salaam



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Excellency,

The Deputy Secretary-General would be grateful if you would kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, Minister of Health and Social Welfare of the United Republic of Tanzania.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. V. Akimuru'.

Paul Akimuru

Chief of Staff

Office of the Deputy Secretary-General

His Excellency
Mr. Tuvako Nathaniel Manongi
Permanent Representative of the United Republic
of Tanzania to the United Nations
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Rising to the challenge

GAVI Alliance Partners' Forum
5-7 December 2012, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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The Honorable Jan Eliasson
Deputy Secretary-General
The United Nations
New York, NY 10017
United States of America

19 September 2012

Dear Mr. Eliasson,

On behalf of the GAVI Alliance, I am pleased and honoured to invite you to our Partners' Forum, which will be held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, from 5 to 7 December 2012. On this occasion we would be delighted if you would agree to make a plenary presentation on the UN's development priorities between now and 2015, particularly with respect to the world's poorest countries.

The Partners' Forum will bring together between 500 and 600 participants and guests from the global vaccination and immunisation community, including distinguished global health leaders and advocates, the United Nations and its agencies, First Ladies, Ministers of Health and Finance, international delegates from GAVI-eligible and donor countries, technical partners, private sector leaders, scientific and research institutes, development agencies and civil society. As a global platform, the Partners' Forum provides a unique opportunity to review progress, leverage innovation and best practices and determine ways to accelerate the delivery of life-saving vaccines to places where they are most needed. Indeed, as we approach the Millennium Development Goals deadline of 2015, the Forum hopes to be a milestone toward achieving MDG4 as it considers the evidence and innovation that could prove critical in reducing by two thirds the mortality rate of children five years old and younger. As a defining feature of the conference, the Partners' Forum will examine how scientific and market advances can inform country-level responses, discuss challenges ahead and the way forward to fulfil GAVI's mission of saving children's lives and protecting people's health through increased access to immunisation.

The overarching theme of the Forum is "Rising to the Challenge" and its programme, through a combination of plenary and panel sessions and workshops, is organised around six broad topics: innovation, integrity, equity, shared responsibility and partnerships, country ownership and sustainability. One of the highlights of the programme is an awards ceremony, which will affirm and celebrate the work and commitment of GAVI partners and individuals as well as those in the wider vaccine community. In the context of the Partners' Forum, we will also be launching the Nelson Mandela and Graça Machel Dialogue to honour former President Nelson Mandela's and Mrs Graça Machel's outstanding support for GAVI's work since its establishment in the year 2000. The President of Tanzania, his Excellency Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete will officially open the Partners' Forum and mark the launch of new vaccines by the Tanzanian Government.

We most sincerely hope that you will accept to participate in the Partners' Forum and look forward to hearing from you in due course. We would be pleased to work with your staff to develop your program at the Partner ' Forum. If you have any questions, please contact GAVI's Special Representative in Washington, Alex Palacios. He can be reached at: apalacios@gavialliance.org or 202-478-1054.

Yours sincerely,



Dagfinn Høybråten
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Seth Berkley MD
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Honourable Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi
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