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**Subject: Call for Contributions: Good practices to ensuring access to medicines, vaccines and other health products (HRC resolution 50/13)**

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to all Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations Office in Geneva, specialized agencies, other intergovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions, and non-governmental organizations and has the honour to inform of the following:

At its fiftieth session, the Human Rights Council adopted resolution 50/13 on access to medicines, vaccines and other health products in the context of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.

The resolution requests the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to prepare a compendium of good practices in ensuring access to medicines, vaccines and other health products to be presented to the Human Rights Council at the fifty-third session in June 2023.

In this regard, OHCHR is seeking inputs on the following areas, in particular:

- (a) What policies and practices have been most successful in regulating the prices of vaccines, medicines and other health products and why? Please provide a brief explanation.
- (b) What policies and practices have been most successful in procuring vaccines, medicines and other health products at low costs and why? Please provide a brief explanation.
- (c) What policies and practices have been most successful in facilitating the effective distribution of vaccines, medicines and other health products, including guaranteeing cold chain management for vaccines and medicines, and why? Please provide a brief explanation.

- (d) What policies and practices have been most successful in ensuring the quality of vaccines, medicines and other health products, and why? Please provide a brief explanation.
- (e) What policies and practices have been most successful in ensuring medicines are prescribed, dispensed and sold appropriately and used correctly by patients, and why? Please provide a brief explanation.
- (f) What policies and practices have been most successful in ensuring adequate vaccine roll-out and high vaccination rates, and why? Please provide a brief explanation.
- (g) Is the production of vaccines and of generic medicines in your country sustainable or likely to be sustainable? Please provide a brief explanation why it is or not sustainable.
- (h) What measures have been most successful in raising awareness about the need for certain vaccinations, and why? Please provide a brief explanation.
- (i) Do you apply behavioral science tools, including social psychology, in public health and across the entire healthcare value chain? Please provide a brief explanation.

Submissions should be limited to five pages and be submitted in an accessible format (Microsoft Word). The Office would be grateful for any inputs to be submitted by 9 March 2023, addressed to the Registry of OHCHR, indicating in the subject matter 'Input to HRC resolution 50/13'. For any follow-up queries, kindly contact Mr Khaled HASSINE ([khaled.hassine@un.org](mailto:khaled.hassine@un.org)).

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