

Remarks on the Meeting of IPU Standing Committee
on Sustainable Development

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Distinguished president, dear colleagues:

I would like to share my observation about “accessibility of vaccine as a public good”.

Vaccine brings hope for saving life and serves as a powerful weapon to defeat Covid-19, thus should be used to benefit the whole world and all human kind. China staunchly adheres to the first and foremost principle of vaccine as a global public good and strives to promote the accessibility and affordability of vaccine in developing countries. So far, to help fight the pandemic, China has provided material assistance to more than 160 countries and international organizations, and is working on supplying vaccines to more than 100 countries and international organizations in various ways. That fully demonstrated China’s solemn commitment of making vaccine as a global public good. And it’s fair to say that our action promote fair distribution of vaccine globally, contribute to the accessibility and affordability of vaccines in developing countries and strengthen global

solidarity in this unprecedented fight.

Therefore, we call for the international community to act together against vaccine politicization or vaccine nationalism. Vaccine shall be used to treat disease and save life. It's not some rare commodity to profit from, or even a tool to generate "immunization gap" to gain advantage over one another. It is a great pity to see that some rich countries merely has their own interest in mind and ignores the legitimate right of developing countries to access the vaccine. This will eventually jeopardize the common interest of all human kind. I sincerely hope that relevant countries take action to promote fair and reasonable distribution of vaccines, maintain stability in supply chains of anti-pandemic material, and provide humanitarian assistance to those in need, especially developing countries and their people. Only in this way, can vaccine be truly people's vaccine and we humankind defeat the pandemic as early as possible.

Thank you for your attention.