

STATEMENT

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1 OCTOBER 2026, WASHINGTON, D.C. – We welcome the progress achieved by PAHO and countries across the region in advancing the Cervical Cancer Elimination Initiative and reaffirm our commitment to the shared goal of eliminating cervical cancer and reducing the burden of HPV-related diseases.

Reaching this goal requires a comprehensive, life-course approach to prevention, including equitable access to and uptake of HPV vaccination for girls and boys, as well as catch-up vaccination for adolescents and young adults. Continued investment in HPV vaccination, screening, and early detection programs is critical to sustaining momentum and expanding access to prevention and care.

We further recognize that significant progress depends on strong partnerships among governments, PAHO, civil society, healthcare professionals, and industry. Through continued collaboration and commitment, we can strengthen prevention efforts, improve access to innovative and effective interventions, and accelerate progress toward a future free from HPV-related cancers.