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Establishment of an Assistant Secretary-General position in UNICEF to head the Global COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Inter-Agency Coordination Structure

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the context around the administration of COVID-19 vaccines and of the various barriers that are preventing vaccines from being administered in country;
2. *Also takes note* of the need for enhanced cooperation and coordination at the global, regional, subregional and national levels for full, timely and equitable access for all to COVID-19 vaccines, while not diverting resources from other health and humanitarian priorities, including routine immunization programmes;
3. *Recognizes* the role that UNICEF has played and can continue to play in advancing the acquisition, transportation, storage, distribution and administration of COVID-19 vaccines;
4. *Welcomes* the efforts of UNICEF and partners to establish the Global COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Inter-Agency Coordination Structure and notes that coordinating the work of this entity at the highest possible global level is a key component for ensuring its success;
5. *Approves* the establishment of the post of Assistant Secretary-General for a two-year period reporting to the Executive Director of UNICEF to carry out the role of Global Lead Coordinator for COVID-19 Vaccine Country Readiness and Delivery, in collaboration with other relevant partners, including the World Health Organization and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance;
6. *Requests* UNICEF to update the Executive Board on the progress achieved through the Global COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Inter-Agency Coordination Structure at its 2022 annual and second regular sessions and 2023 first regular session, under the agenda item entitled “Update on humanitarian action”, among other updates.

