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Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit**Letter dated 31 October 2005 from the Permanent Representative
of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the core principles adopted by the International Partnership on Avian and Pandemic Influenza at a meeting held on 6 and 7 October 2005, noting the global cooperation needed to address health emergencies (see annex).

I would appreciate it if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 120. A list of 89 countries associated with the Partnership, as well as other participants, is also attached.

(Signed) John R. **Bolton**
Ambassador



Annex to the letter dated 31 October 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

**International Partnership on Avian and Pandemic Influenza
Statement of core principles**

The International Partnership on Avian and Pandemic Influenza (IPAPI) is committed to protecting human and animal health as well as mitigating the global socioeconomic and security consequences of an influenza pandemic. The partnership seeks to work with all concerned states to limit the spread of H5N1 avian flu and any other highly pathogenic influenza strain by taking all necessary steps to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the growing threat.

Partners are concerned about the potential for large-scale outbreaks. As such, participants are committed to the following principles to establish a more coordinated and effective basis for limiting the social, economic and health impacts of avian and pandemic influenza, consistent with national legal authorities and relevant international law and frameworks.

Noting that enhanced global cooperation on avian and pandemic influenza will provide a template for global cooperation to address other types of health emergencies, we join together in our commitment to:

1. International cooperation to protect the lives and health of our people;
2. Timely and sustained high-level global political leadership to combat avian and pandemic influenza;
3. Transparency in reporting of influenza cases in humans and in animals caused by strains that have pandemic potential, to increase understanding, preparedness and, especially to ensure rapid and timely response to potential outbreaks;
4. Immediate sharing of epidemiological data and samples with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the international community to detect and characterize the nature and evolution of any outbreaks as quickly as possible, by utilizing, where appropriate, existing networks and mechanisms
5. Rapid reaction to address the first signs of accelerated transmission of H5N1 and other highly pathogenic influenza strains so that appropriate international and national resources can be brought to bear;
6. Prevent and contain an incipient epidemic through capacity building and in-country collaboration with international partners;
7. Work in a manner complementary to and supportive of expanded cooperation with and appropriate support of key multilateral organizations (WHO, Food and Agriculture Organization, World Organization for Animal Health);
8. Timely coordination of bilateral and multilateral resource allocations; dedication of domestic resources (human and financial); improvements in public awareness; and development of economic and trade contingency plans;
9. Increased coordination and harmonization of preparedness, prevention, response and containment activities among nations, complementing domestic and regional preparedness initiatives and encouraging where appropriate the development of strategic regional initiatives;
10. Actions based on the best available science.

Countries and international organizations that participated in the meeting of senior officials, International Partnership on Avian and Pandemic Influenza, 6 and 7 October 2005

Countries

Argentina	Lebanon	United Arab Emirates
Armenia	Lesotho	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Australia	Lithuania	Ukraine
Austria	Luxembourg	United States of America
Bangladesh	Madagascar	Uruguay
Belarus	Malaysia	Uzbekistan
Belgium	Malta	Viet Nam
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Marshall Islands	
Brazil	Mexico	
Brunei Darussalam	Mongolia	
Cambodia	Namibia*	
Cameroon*	Nepal	
Canada	Netherlands	
China (including Hong Kong Special Administrative Region)	New Zeland	
Colombia	Nicaragua	
Costa Rica	Nigeria	
Côte d'Ivoire*	Norway	
Croatia	Pakistan	
Cyprus	Peru	
Czech Republic	Philippines	
Denmark	Poland	
Dominican Republic	Portugal	
Egypt	Republic of Korea	
Estonia	Russian Federation	
Finland	Saint Kitts and Nevis	
France	Samoa*	
Germany	Senegal	
Ghana	Singapore	
Greece	Slovakia	
Hungary	Slovenia	
Iceland	South Africa	
India	Spain	
Indonesia	Sri Lanka	
Ireland	Sweden	
Israel*	Switzerland	
Italy	Thailand	
Japan	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	
Kazakhstan	Timor-Leste*	
Kyrgyzstan	Trinidad and Tobago	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Turkey	
Latvia	Turkmenistan	

* Endorsed the partnership but unable to send a representative to the meeting.

Other participants

European Commission

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Holy See

Inter-American Development Bank

World Organization for Animal Health

United Nations

United Nations Development Programme

World Health Organization

World Bank
