# **Ref: Our national response to the 90:70:90 targets towards elimination of cervical cancer**

Dear Honourable Minister ADD NAME,

We are delighted to see that the WHO Executive Board 146 agenda item 9 ‘[**Accelerating the elimination of cervical cancer as a global public health problem**](http://apps.who.int/gb/e/e_eb146.html)***’*** received such positive attention, with the accompanying resolution co-sponsored by over 50 Member States. We are reaching out to ask you to express for the item at the upcoming World Health Assembly, and secondly, to offer our support in implementing the strategy in [ADD COUNTRY NAME HERE].

[ADD COUNTRY SEPCIFIC DATA OR REMARKS ON THE BURDEN OF CERVICAL CANCER, CURRENT CHALLENGES OR SUCCESSES]. We are excited to see data from WHO which indicates that the goals set out in the proposed Global Strategy will achieve a significant reduction in cervical cancer mortality already by 2030. The priority activities identified are cost-effective and feasible and could **avert more than 70 million new cases of cervical cancer and 62 million deaths over the next century** on the pathway to the elimination threshold incidence of 4 in 100,000 women.

To achieve elimination in the shortest period and with maximum impact, the Global Strategy proposes intensive vaccination against human papillomavirus, screening for and treatment of pre-cancerous lesions and management of invasive cervical cancer must be pursued in combination. Key elements to get right are:

* A public health approach with robust health workforce planning
* Data and health information systems to monitor and evaluate progress
* Integration for a people-centred services and optimal referrals
* Financial protection and integration into universal health care approaches.

The momentum of global call to action presents an important opportunity for our country. [ADD ORGANISATION NAME] stands ready to work with your team to respond. As a first step, we would propose convening a special session of the [National Cancer Control Committee [OR ALTERNATE NAME] to encourage stakeholders to review and align the national cervical cancer strategy with the ambitions expressed in WHO global strategy. As a member of Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), our organisation can access the expertise of a global network of cancer organisations to provide technical support alongside the commitments made by UN agencies to work together towards elimination.

We would also request that you make a statement to reflect our country’s commitment to cervical cancer elimination. We would be delighted to work with your team to showcase this as part of a Wall of Commitments planned by UICC. This would ensure that the work nationally would be included in a global report on early progress, planned for the World Cancer Congress in Geneva in October 2022. This step will bring energy to national implementation and encourage us to coordinate our efforts.

I would kindly request an appointment to discuss these opportunities in person as, for every US$ 1 invested in the national cervical cancer elimination strategy, US$ 3.20 will be returned to the economy alongside the incalculable benefits to the lives of girls, women and society.

With kind regards,