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MESSAGE TO PARTIES, OBSERVER STATES AND ADMITTED OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS

from the COP 26 President Designate regarding COVID-19 vaccination for participants at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 26)

I am pleased to transmit to you a message from His Excellency Minister Alok Sharma, President Designate of COP 26, regarding the offer from the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to provide vaccines to registered Party, observer and media representatives who have not yet received a vaccine, are not able to get one in time for attendance at the conference or cannot access a vaccine through other means. Participants will be able to express interest in this vaccination offer through the UNFCCC registration process.

To support the incoming COP Presidency in this very important vaccination effort, the secretariat has opened registration for COP 26 today, on 28 June 2021.

I wish to underline that opening the online registration system does not imply any decision regarding the format of the conference. The secretariat is working closely with the incoming Presidency to ensure that COP preparations are made with the safety and health of all COP participants and of the local population in mind. Over the coming weeks, further announcements will be made regarding arrangements for COP 26

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Heads of COP26 Delegations

REGISTRATION FOR COP26 GLASGOW NOVEMBER 2021

As you may be aware, the UNFCCC portal to register parties, observers and media representatives to attend COP26 has opened today (Monday 28th June).¹ The UK Government looks forward to hosting you in Glasgow this November, and would like to encourage you to register as soon as possible.

As I mentioned at intersessionals, we have been working hard to ensure that all those that need to attend COP26 are able to do so. Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced at the G7 Summit that we will work to provide vaccines to those registered delegations who would be unable to get them otherwise. Working closely with the UN, and other partners, we are now asking all those individuals looking to take up this vaccine offer to identify themselves through the COP registration process.

The offer for registering for a vaccine closes on the **23rd July** and we encourage you to sign up as soon as possible to ensure we can distribute vaccines in good time. Accredited COP Delegates being fully vaccinated will be an important mitigation measure to ensure the health and safety of both delegates, and the local community. If you are otherwise unable to access vaccines, I strongly encourage registered parties, observers and media representatives to take up this offer. We will be providing further information shortly on the next steps following registration.

The vaccination of registered delegates will be part of a wider package of measures we will have in place to be able to deliver a safe, in-person COP26. We will set out these measures as soon as they are finalised. We remain committed to ensuring a safe and secure in-person COP and are grateful for your continued support as we work together with all of our partners to do so.

I look forward to seeing you all at COP26 in Glasgow.

Yours sincerely,

The Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP COP President Designate

¹UNFCCC Registration Portal: <u>https://onlinereg.unfccc.int/</u>