The meeting of G7 Health Ministers, chaired by Agnès Buzyn, was held on May 16-17 in Paris. On that occasion, G7 members pledged to advance access to health for all by strengthening primary health care. As such, five international organizations will cooperate in the coming months to set up a platform for sharing knowledge in this area.

The joint declaration adopted by the G7 members meets the ambitious objectives set by France:
1. Fight against inequalities of access to care

Today more than half of the world's population does not have access to all the health services it needs. In many countries, health systems are struggling to respond to the diversity of health issues faced by people throughout their lives.

G7 members are committed to strengthening primary health care, which addresses the needs of people at all stages of life in prevention, screening and care, and is the most comprehensive response to inequities health.

They also agreed on a priority: to fight against inequalities between women and men, in particular in terms of access to care around the world and representation of women in decision-making bodies in the health sector.

2. Strengthen the fight against pandemics to end AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria by 2030

AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria continue to kill 2.7 million people a year. France is historically strongly committed to the fight against these three pandemics. With € 4.5 billion since 2002, France is the second largest contributor to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

However, current projections are without appeal and show that the fragility of health systems threatens the resurgence of major pandemics.

The G7 countries pledged to continue their efforts to ensure the success of the Sixth Global Fund Replenishment Conference, which will be hosted for the first time in France on 9 and 10 October 2019 in Lyon. This international conference will aim to raise at least $ 14 billion to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria to eliminate these three diseases by 2030, in accordance with the objectives of sustainable development.
3. Improve the efficiency of health systems through knowledge sharing

At the instigation of G7 members, five international organizations have for the first time pledged to cooperate in setting up a knowledge-sharing platform.

The World Health Organization (WHO), the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Global Fund, GAVI Vaccine Alliance, and the World Bank signed a letter of commitment on May 17 showing their intention to collaborate on primary health care. By the end of 2019, they will submit a report on how to set up a collaborative platform between G7 members.

This platform should allow to:

- to develop the sharing of knowledge and expertise on primary health care among G7 countries
- strengthen the dialogue on primary health care among G7 countries and low- and middle-income countries, particularly the G5 Sahel countries
- fostering innovation in strengthening primary health care by also relying on civil society (researchers, professionals, patients, NGOs, the private sector ...)

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"This declaration lays the groundwork for enhanced cooperation for access to health for all. We will maintain our efforts in the coming months, with the support of all actors, so that health remains a priority and fundamental subject on the international agenda."

Agnès Buzyn, Minister of Solidarities and Health, at the moment of closing this G7 ministerial meeting.
What are the next steps?

The commitments resulting from this declaration will be presented at the Summit of Heads of State and Government of Biarritz from 24 to 26 August. They will also be taken into account at other international events organized in 2019:

1. the World Health Assembly, scheduled for May 20 in Geneva;
2. the United Nations General Assembly, September 18 in New York;
3. the Global Fund Replenishment Conference on 10 October in Lyon;
4. the G20 Health Ministers Meeting, scheduled for October 19 and 20 in Okayama.
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