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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Thank you for your letter of 28 November in which you ask for reassurance that, in the context of the financial crisis, the UK will continue to uphold its commitments to the developing world.

The Government remains wholeheartedly committed to supporting the work of the organisations you refer to. Since 2000, we have contributed £68 million of core funding to GAVI and we are also providing £1.38 billion to the International Finance Facility for Immunisation and \$485 million (approximately £316 million) to the Advanced Market Commitment for pneumococcal vaccines. These innovative financing mechanisms play a leading role in helping GAVI deliver immunisations in the world's poorest countries and will save millions of lives.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you, and all the members of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Pneumococcal Disease Prevention in the Developing World, on the recent launch of your report into pneumococcal disease and the Advance Market Commitment. I was sorry to be unable to attend the launch event and I am told that it went extremely well.

Yours sincerely

Mr Des Turner MP