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**Written Statement from the United States of America
Department of Health and Human Services**

The United States is pleased to announce a new formal collaboration with the EURO Regional Office and the Pan American Health Organization to strengthen the global health architecture, enhance global health and health security, and improve health equity in response to the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic.

We hope this collaboration will bring together our two regions to address several critical gaps highlighted by the pandemic, including enhancing local and regional manufacturing of vaccines and health supplies, through mechanisms such as inviting relevant views from the private sector and exploring public-private partnerships.

Another key area to address will be combatting mistrust in the sources of science and enhancing the timely use of evidence in decision-making by improving communication between policymakers and scientists.

This collaboration will strengthen and build the health and care workforce by developing training programs across the spectrum of health care professions and working with universities, academic institutions, and other partners.

To support these and other objectives outlined in the agreement, the United States, PAHO, and EURO will explore a broad range of mechanisms for collaboration, including cooperative research and demonstration projects, personnel exchanges, and networking initiatives to promote international technical cooperation and advice, information dissemination, research and training.

With this agreement, the United States commits to a collaboration over the next five years and looks forward to working more closely with EURO, PAHO and Member States on these and other important issues to improve global health security and equity.