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**High Level Meeting
Polio Partners Group**

Friday 24th June 2016

**Intervention by H.E. Mr. Peter Matt
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein**

Excellencies, dear Colleagues,

Today's event meeting offers us yet again another important opportunity to come together to renew our commitment to eradicate polio once and for all - no child should ever again suffer paralytic poliomyelitis. Thanks to the dedication of all stakeholders of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), we are closer than ever to reach the goal of a polio free world. The "Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan 2013–2018" is the core element in eradication polio by 2018 and even more importantly sustain a polio-free world.

Liechtenstein has been a longstanding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). In 2016 we made – beside our yearly general contribution of CHF 25'000 – an additional contribution of CHF 15'000 through Rotary International, one of the key partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. With the generous Bill & Melinda Gates Foundations' pledge to triple commitments made to polio eradication through Rotary International this brings our contribution for 2016 to CHF 70 000 which equates to a per-capita contribution of more than CHF 2. We hope our commitment encourages others to step forward to redouble their commitments as well.

We continue to be committed to playing our part in the global effort to wipe this devastating disease. We know that our children remain at risk of reinfection until the disease has been stopped, once and for all. Let me assure you that Liechtenstein will continue to support the Global Polio Eradication Initiative until we have reached our goal.

I thank you!