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## **DATA2X APPLAUDS UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S HISTORIC COMMITMENTS TO GENDER EQUALITY AT GENERATION EQUALITY FORUM**

Statement by Emily Courey Pryor, Executive Director of Data2X, regarding United States commitments to Generation Equality Action Coalitions:

*“As the Generation Equality Forum takes place in Paris this week, Data2X is pleased to see the United States join governments across the globe in asserting commitments to drive progress on gender equality. This included high-level representation from across the administration—with the participation of Vice President Kamala Harris, Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton—and the administration’s reaffirmation of the U.S. prioritization of gender equality at home and abroad. This affirmation was backed by specific, tangible government commitments across three Generation Equality Action Coalitions, including mention of improved data collection to better understand the causes of maternal death in one domestic target. The maternal health crisis is an issue of urgent necessity, particularly for the Black and Indigenous women most impacted—and better data will inform evidence-based programs and policies that have the potential to save lives.*

*But to make any of the 34 commitments announced a success, gender data must feature across all targets as programs and policies are developed, strengthened, and monitored. In particular, the newly announced Gender Equity and Equality Action (GEEA) Fund must include explicit funding for gender data, supporting both governments and civil society to foster improved data collection, availability, and use on Fund priorities.*

*Data2X was launched seven years ago, after former U.S. Secretary of State Clinton called for increased global focus on gender data to improve the lives of women and girls worldwide. Since its earliest days, Data2X has worked to establish institutional partnerships to address gender data gaps, and to advocate for gender data use to inform more effective policymaking. Therefore, I am pleased to see the United States return to a role of global leadership on gender equality, gender data, and evidence-based interventions. Data2X applauds the United States for pledging these ambitious commitments to the Generation Equality Forum—and we look forward to working in partnership to ensure that a foundation of quality gender data underpins progress on the administration’s stated goals.”*

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### **About Data2X**

Data2X is a global gender data alliance that builds the case and mobilizes action for gender data. Through our research, advocacy, and communications, we make gender data central to global efforts to achieve gender equality. Data2X’s work is made possible by contributions from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.