**[President or head of state]**:

We, the citizens of **[Country]**, commend authorities for conducting a Joint External Evaluation with the World Health Organization to assess our country’s ability to address disease outbreaks and other health threats.

We call on you to work with members of your administration to swiftly develop a national plan to close identified health security gaps, while securing the necessary funds to implement relevant activities.

Now it is time to take action to protect all of our country’s citizens from future threats such as Ebola, Zika and pandemic flu. Your fellow citizens are counting on you to ensure that a comprehensive program is in place to find, stop and prevent health threats before they get out of control.

Your efforts are vital to safeguarding our public health.

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