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**Decade of Healthy Ageing**

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Thank you chair.

We would like to thank the Director-General and the secretariat for the preparatory report for this meeting, and for the draft for the "Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020–2030" before us.

By achieving healthy ageing, people will enjoy longer and meaningful lives, in better health. While this will inevitably result in significant gains for families, communities and society, we should not lose sight of the main objective of the Decade: the wellbeing of older people.

We ask to stress two points regarding the draft before us.

1. We welcome the clear and concrete definition of "healthy ageing" and especially, the reference to the social environment in which a person lives.
2. We would welcome more focus on assistive technologies and on elder abuse with a gender perspective as part of the Decade.

Chair,

The lack of disaggregated data on older persons worldwide is a major impediment for the development of effective ageing-related policies. We would welcome more information from the secretariat on its collaboration with stakeholders that tackle this challenge, including the UN statistic office and the Titchfield City Group on Ageing.

To conclude,

Mindful of the fact that a solid organizational structure is instrumental to achieving results, we are concerned by the fact that the staff who are responsible for the execution of this Strategy are split between Divisions.

Thank you for your attention.