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**Accelerating the Elimination of Cervical Cancer
as a Global Public Health Problem**

Thank you Chair.

We would like to thank the Director General and the secretariat for the report for this item, and for presenting us with the "draft global strategy to accelerate cervical cancer elimination". In the interest of time, I will be brief.

1. The draft sets clear, evidence based and measurable goals.
2. The three pillars on which the draft global strategy is based on: 1) vaccination 2) screening and treatment, and 3) cancer management and palliative care, contribute to its cohesiveness.
3. We wish to highlight in particular the section on surveillance, monitoring and evaluation, which is very comprehensive.

Chair ,

Scientific achievements and innovations enabled us to develop effective vaccines for cervical cancer. In Israel, every 14 year old boy, and every 14 year old girl, are vaccinated at school.

We nonetheless need to continue utilizing proper screening and treatment measures while we await to long-term studies on the existing vaccine. It is imperative to pursue additional strategies for the prevention of cervical cancer, such as health education and early detection .

We support the adoption of the draft action plan, and as co-sponsors of the draft resolution before us, support its adoption. We thank Australia for its leadership on this issue.

Thank you.