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Integrated, People-Centred Eye Care, Including Preventable Blindness and Impaired Vision

Thank you chair.

We would like to thank the Director General and the secretariat for the preparatory report for this item.

We also welcome the World Report on Vision that was published last year, and support its recommendations .

In this context, we wish to stress the importance of early detection and treatment. Certain eye conditions can be prevented, or corrected, if we detect them early enough .

Chair,

In this field in particular, technology, scientific achievements and telemedicine are instrumental. Today, we have the ability to screen large populations, quickly and efficiently, with a simple camera. Pictures can then be sent from one side of the world to the other, for easy diagnosis.

We foresee that in the near future, these pictures will be examined promptly and accurately using artificial intelligence. Imagine the effect this can have in places with low doctor/population ratio, in hard-to-reach places and where diagnosis is not affordable.

For this reason, we encourage the WHO to emphasize technological innovation in its efforts to support the creation of a global research agenda for eye care.

As co-sponsors, we support the adoption of the draft resolution under this agenda item and thank Australia and Indonesia for their leadership on this issue.

Thank you.