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Thank you chair .

We would like to thank the Director General and the secretariat for the report for this item. In the interest of time, I would be brief.

We find the four core strategic levers and ten operational levers introduced in the report actionable, relevant and focused.

As rightfully stressed in the draft, they are "intimately interrelated, and impact and enable each other."

We ask to emphasize a few points:

1. The levers include important elements that are crucial for achieving primary health care, including political commitment (lever 1), adequate funding and resources (lever 3) and trained health work force (lever 6).
2. We especially welcome lever 14 on monitoring and evaluation. In addition to the importance of information systems and reliable data, emphasis should also be put on concrete and measurable indicators with which it would be possible to assess progress.
3. While technological advances, including digital health, have benefited health systems in recent years, their integration should be well planned. The local context and the health system's capacity has to carefully be taken into account. Rushing into implementing digital health tools, if not done properly, may not be effective, and even lead to negative results.

We welcome the secretariat's work on the "framework for monitoring and evaluation of primary health care", which will be aligned with the levers, as well as with existing efforts to monitor other evaluation processes, and look forward to its publication.

We note, however, that we could have benefited from an earlier distribution of the draft operational framework on Primary Health Care (PHC).

Thank you.