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**Universal Health Coverage: Moving Together to Build a Healthier World**

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Thank you Chair,

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

It is now time to operationalize our strong shared commitment to achieving Universal Health Coverage, into concrete actions. The political Declaration titled "Universal health coverage: moving together to build a healthier world" adopted this October in New York, is a necessary step towards this direction.

Chair,

There is still much to be done. UHC in itself cannot be effective in contexts where health systems are fragile, inaccessible or fragmented. In addition, a sustainable financial framework and reimbursement system are crucial for ensuring that health systems are resilient.

As the leading agency on health, we see the WHO as having a pivotal role in this regard. Efforts made to achieving UHC should go hand in hand with the support, guidance and technical assistance for achieving strong and resilient health systems.

I would like to call to include dental care as part of UHC.

We look forward to collaborating with the secretariat in its future actions to promote UHC.

Thank you.