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Thank you Chair,

Israel thanks the secretariat for preparing all the relevant documents, in particular document A71/20, for our consideration. While we are the ones who create technology, it is hard for us to catch up with it. Digital technologies for health are a prime example of how technological progress can change lives in previously impossible ways. For us to seize this opportunity, we must assess, develop, implement and constantly reevaluate the application of digital technologies in national health systems as well as regional and international organizations.

We welcome the Director-General's report, which highlights the broader use of digital technologies beyond the mobile platform. We likewise appreciate the significance given to the role digital technology can play in narrowing different inequalities - like socioeconomic or gender-based ones - in health results and access to health services. We would also like to give some constructive input to this report: first, as digital technologies have become more widespread, it is crucial to reevaluate existing work methods, and train medical teams to properly use digital technologies. Furthermore, in response to the call to action contained in para. 12, we call on the WHO to review all its programs, existing or new, and examine the potential digital technologies could have in accelerating and amplifying their progress. Such a review could be done as part of standard auditing processes.

As a country where technology has been key to prosperity and opportunity, we see the promotion of this issue as an investment in the future. We are therefore very proud to cosponsor the draft resolution contained in document A71/A/CONF/1, led by India and the Philippines. We urge all Member States to support it as well, and look forward to seeing continued work in this field.

Thank you.