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Universal Health Coverage

Thank you Chair,

We would like to align our statement with the statement made by Sweden.

Sexual and reproductive health and rights are an essential element in Universal Health Coverage, and are crucial in order to assure that we leave no one behind.

In addition, we would like to stress one point: Only strong and resilient health systems can successfully provide high quality and accessible health care to all.

In cases where health systems are fragile, promoting UHC may lead to the overburdening of national health systems and to the deterioration of the quality of existing health services. Strengthening national health systems is thus necessary in order to achieve UHC. For this, two necessary conditions must apply.

The first is high-level commitment, including the proper allocation of State resources, incentive base programs and quality related reimbursements. The second is the establishment of an accessible and high quality health system with a strong community reach. In this regard, adequate training as well as proper compensation to health workers is essential.

We have confidence in the WHO and its leadership in supporting member states to strengthen their health systems through proper guidance and technical support.

We support the draft resolution presented to us, and we look forward to the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on Universal Health Coverage this coming fall in New York .

I thank you for your attention.