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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan accredited to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations presents its compliments to the World Health Organization (WHO) and has the honour to enclose application for Pakistan sponsored Side Event to "Launch the WHO World Report on Vision" during the 72nd World Health Assembly (WHA), which is scheduled to be held on 20-28 May 2019 in Geneva.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the WHO in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Sideevent application / Formulaire de demande de réunion parallèle

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Member States confirmed as co-organizers of the event/Etats Membres confirmers comme co-organisateurs de la réunion:	

Concept

Description of proposed side event, including objective, expected results, proposed programme and speakers*/
 Description de la réunion parallèle proposée, y compris les objectifs, les résultats attendus, l'ordre du jour et les orateurs* :

Side event to launch the WHO World report on vision

The World Health Organization (WHO) is currently developing a World report on vision following the request of Member States issued during a side event to the 70th World Health Assembly (2017). Since then, WHO established an Editorial Committee to guide the development of the report and a high-level Advisory Committee to provide strategic advice. Consultation on the draft report took place in early 2018 and feedback was also received from independent peer reviewers. The report is currently in the final stages of development.

The World report on vision is intended to provide a strategic framework to guide the future action on eye care, with content and recommendations focused on Member State policy makers. The report is timely for three key reasons. Firstly, population growth and ageing, as well as lifestyle changes are contributing towards an increasing number of people with eye conditions and vision impairment. This challenge affects every country of world. Secondly, vision is an integral part of health and well-being, and thus eye care is an important contribution towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Thirdly, it is important for the global community to have a common agenda given the conclusion of VISION2020 next year.

Rationale for Side Event:

It is essential the World report on vision is launched during the World Health Assembly. This would send a strong signal to Member States that eye care is a critical part of the health system, and investment in eye care pays dividends in many other areas, including overall social and economic outcomes. It also provides an opportunity to stress the importance of eye care being included as part of Universal Health Coverage; there are many effective interventions that offer good return of investment. The Assembly also provides an opportunity for Member States to urge civil society to support the strengthening of the health system and public eye care services and to highlight the importance of partnership with the private sector.

Role of Pakistan in Global Public Health Arena:

Pakistan already had dictated major efforts at global and regional level in pushing the agenda of improving access to Assistive Technology and had lead the process of adoption of a Global Resolution on Assistive Technology during the 70th World Health Assembly, May 2018. Pakistan's efforts to meet population eye care needs are also well-recognized in the global eye care field, in particular, to expand access to eye care amongst the poorest people, as well as magnifying the range of interventions available. Pakistan has also contributed towards the development of the report by participating in the consultation and providing in-depth information of the national experience in comprehensive eye care.

Objectives of Side Event:

- Launch the WHO World report on vision.

Expected results:

- Member States understand that eye care is a critical part of the health system, and investment in eye care pays dividends in many other areas, including overall social and economic outcomes.
- Member States are cognizant of the importance of including eye care as part of Universal Health Coverage and that there are many effective interventions which offer good return of investment.
- Civil society and the private sector have increased knowledge of how to strengthen the health system, public eye care services and how to work in partnership.

Proposed programme:

- Welcome and official launch of the WHO World report on vision (WHO Director General & Federal Minister, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (NHSRC), Pakistan – 5-10mins
- Recognition of the value of the World report on vision, sharing of Pakistan experience; Federal Minister, Ministry of NHSRC, Pakistan – 5-10 mins
- Brief speeches by other Ministers (TBC) – 5 mins
- Overview of the World report on vision (Dr Etienne Krug, Director Department of Non-Communicable Diseases, Violence and Injury Prevention, WHO HQ) – 5 mins
- Panel discussion – Q and A on the World report on vision (e.g. what is new, opportunities) (Members of the Advisory and Editorial Committee for the World report on vision TBC) – 10 mins
- Remainder of event – mix and mingle with participants, opportunity for Member States to discuss with WHO and other stakeholders. (Time TBC).

Speakers:

- Director General, WHO
- Federal Minister, Ministry of NHSRC, Pakistan
- Ministers of Health, Member States (TBC)
- Dr Etienne Krug, Director Department of Non-Communicable Diseases, Violence and Injury Prevention, WHO HQ
- Members of the Advisory and Editorial Committee for the World report on vision

Event details / details de la réunion

Expected number of participants/Nombre de participants attendus : 100

Exact title of the meeting/Titre exact de la réunion:

Side event to launch the WHO World report on vision

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Interpretation may be provided in the official languages and the estimated costs are as follows: 2 languages: 2561 CHF; 3 languages: 5123 CHF; 6 languages: 11953 CHF.

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WHA side events are for participants of the WHA and, as such, panelists and participants should be drawn from those participating in the Health Assembly.

Les réunions parallèles sont réservées aux participants de l'Assemblée ; Les orateurs de ces réunions doivent donc être choisis parmi ceux-ci.

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