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*Honorable Chair,
Madame Director-General of the World Health Organization,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen.*

Let me start by congratulating the elected President and Vice-Presidents of the 70th Session of World Health Assembly. Madame Dr. Margareth Chan, Director-General, we acknowledge for you leadership and mother in leading this Organization. We will remember you whenever you are.

On behalf of the Government of Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, I am pleased to congratulate (_____) the elected new Diretor Geral of the World Health Organization for the period of 2017 -2022.

It is my privilege to represent the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste in this august assembly to address this Session with the dedicated theme “*Building Better Systems for Health in the Age of Sustainable Development*”. Timor-Leste emerged from the ashes of conflict to become Southeast Asia’s youngest nation in 2002. Fourteen years has passed, we commit that the SDGs are worthy and compromised goals, they cannot be achieved by nations that are riddled with conflict, instability and insecurity.

The Sixth Constitutional Government has committed the implementation of the new United Nations Agenda and recognizing the importance of the SDGs, committing to working towards their achievement. Since that time efforts have been made to prioritize the goals for implementation in Timor-Leste, integrate them into planning and involvement of all stakeholders to assure its availability and sustainability in terms of finance and resources and to provide a strong monitoring framework to assess progress. The Ministry of Health is working hard to integrate the goals into our own planning processes, fund for accelerated progress and monitor to accurately assess our achievement and take into account the universal health coverage. The SDGs and universal health coverage are at the core of a better development paradigm where all seek to ensure that ‘no one is left behind’ and ‘health for all in equitable manner’.



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In order to achieve SDG 3 and universal health coverage, the Ministry of Health, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste has revised and implemented Integrated Community Health Services, Primary Health Care Services packages and Regular Domiciliary Visit/Health in the Family “Saúde na Família”. The objective is to increase accessibility and availability by bringing health care services closer to the community. Through “*Saúde na Família*” as VI Constitutional Government paramount and priority program, almost 98% of the House-holds and community have access to health services and will benefit from a broad set of comprehensive primary health care with regular domiciliary visit by health professional team. On the other hand, the Ministry of Health also recognizes that, public policies and involvement of all relevant sectors such as Donors, UN agencies, National and International Non-Governmental Organizations, Civil Society, Faith-based Organizations and Community Leaders, all, have contributed to these achievements.

To conclude, I would like by reiterating that while Timor-Leste has made remarkable progress in achieving health program and its implementation, much work remains to be done to further improve the living standards of our people as measured by the SDGs. I would also like to thank development partners and all stakeholders for their hard and serious work helping us to progress towards the achievement of the SDGs and Universal Health Coverage”.

Finally, let us all work together for better health and well-being of coming generations by ‘no one is left behind’.

Thank for all your attention.

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