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EU Statement

Chair,

Director-General,

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Colleagues,

This statement is made on behalf of the EU and its Member States.

The candidate countries North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Ukraine, Republic of Moldova and Bosnia and Herzegovina* align themselves with this statement.

The EU would like to thank for the report EB152/8 and Israel for proposing the resolution and agenda item.

We welcome the fact that rehabilitation is becoming a priority in health services.

The EU supports full and timely access to rehabilitation services to all, including to person with a temporary or permanent disability or physical or psychological impairment. Rehabilitation should be a comprehensive, not limited to asistive

* North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

technologies but addressing both physical and mental factors and integrated to a continuum of person-centred services, including in emergency situation.

Indeed, we would like to underscore the importance of addressing the inclusion of psychological and medical help with view to sexual recovery into rehabilitation services.

In the spirit of compromise, the EU joined consensus on the resolution, also on very sensitive issues. In this regard, the EU remains committed to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), in accordance with the Beijing Platform for Action and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), the outcomes of their review conferences and article 34 of the new EU consensus on development, essential to the realization of the enjoyment of human rights and the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.”

Finally, the EU and its Member States encourage Member States and WHO to continue considering rehabilitation as a combination of many different inter-sectoral activities that help people to strengthen or regain their functional capacity, including in the sphere of mental health.

I thank you.