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Madam Chair,

With the 2030 Agenda fast approaching, though some economies have scaled up efforts towards achieving UHC, others like Fiji are faced with disproportionate challenges. The challenges are profound which makes UHC a mammoth task to be achieved in our part of the region. Cooperation and having a multi-sectoral approach are important to improve both our climate and economic resilience.

We commend the WHO leads on the ATACH which is supporting climate-resilient efforts including sustainable health systems. Fiji has been engaging with ATACH and will continue to capitalize on this engagement, in particular, on how ATACH could play a role in engaging financial sectors to ease access to climate finance which has been a huge barrier to our progress.

We thank the DG and the Secretariat for their report and we take note of the recommendations therein. One issue is clear, and that is unless finance is addressed, UHC will be a goal that is reflected in laws and national plans only, and will lack its operationalization at the national level.

I thank you. (175 words)



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