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Pilar	1	One billion more people benefiting from universal health coverage
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Thank you, Chair.

The Philippines supports the global strategy on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC). IPC is a multi-sectoral effort that holistically engages other sectors of society in the development, implementation, and monitoring of initiatives.

The three key objectives - “Prevent, Act, Coordinate” - are on point in relation to the operations of health facilities, communities, and the Philippines’ National Program on IPC.

The pandemic emphasized the importance of preventing and controlling the spread of infections in mitigating the transmission of diseases. Thus, Member States should continue to advance this initiative through National IPC Programs with supporting policies, standards and strategic plans which are aligned with the WHO core components.

The strategic directions provide details that are achievable even in developing countries. A continuous monitoring and evaluation framework may be a resource in the continuous improvement of IPC programs and alignment of local and international goals.

Thank you.**END**