

# DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

SEVENTY-FIFTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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## Item 12: Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health (2016-2030)

Chairperson,

The DPRK delegation would like to appreciate WHO Secretariat for the report of Director General with an in-depth analysis of the issues under discussion and its efforts to improve the health of women, children and adolescents.

The DPRK Government has been paying deep attention to the health of women and children as the priority sector of public health. As a result, maternal mortality rate decreased to 49.0 per 100,000 live births, neonatal mortality rate to 7.4 deaths per 1000 live births and under-5 mortality rate to 16.8 per 1000 live births in 2019.

According to the health statistics in 2019, the rate of women who received antenatal care more than 4 times during pregnancy is 86.4% and the proportion of birth attended by skilled health personnel 99.5%, both at a high level.

The DPRK Government, setting it as the national policy to improve maternal health, has established a well-regulated system and kept it being operational even during the world COVID-19 pandemic - the system under which the state is completely responsible for health care of women before and after their delivery.

In DPRK, the health and nutrition of children and women are guaranteed thoroughly by law and all policies concerned are being implemented under the special attention of the State and society.

Comrade **KIM JONG UN**, President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, saying that nothing is more important than the work of bringing up children, the future of the country, to be strong and sound and that it is the most important policy and supreme cherished desire of our State to create better conditions for their growing even at the cost of a huge amount of money, has set forth detailed tasks and ways to provide all the children across the country with nutritional food including dairy products at the state's expense.

Ministry of Public Health expands the Integrated Management of Childhood Illness in nationwide scale as one critical components of strategy to improve the child nutrition and to reduce the mortality, and establishes the child nutritional care system at county and primary health care level in cooperation

with WHO and UNICEF, while they focus on building capacity for uninterrupted supply of essential medicine and equipment, and medical supplies.

The DPRK will fully implement the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health by strengthening the collaboration with WHO and other relevant International Organizations.

Thank you.