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Agenda Item 18 “Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan”

Mr. Chair,

First of all, the Delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea would like to appreciate WHO Director General for his comprehensive Report A76/15 on “Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan”, while taking this opportunity to commend the humanitarian activities of WHO and other UN Agencies to alleviate the sufferings of the people in occupied territories.

The prolonged Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territory and Syrian Golan, its illegal settlement activities and, discriminatory policies and practices continue to negatively impact the living condition of the population under occupation, and violate their basic human rights including right to health.

We maintain that all recommendations reflected in the Report should be fully implemented and the Israeli authorities should ensure non-discriminatory, affordable and equitable access to the health-care services required to the population in the occupied Palestinian territory and in the occupied Syrian Golan in compliance with the International Law.

The DPRK delegation supports the draft decision proposed by Palestine and expresses its expectation that WHO would continue to make efforts to monitor the situations and, accordingly, enhance humanitarian health response capacities in the occupied Palestinian territory and in the occupied Syrian Golan.

Thank you.