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Ireland's statement on Agenda Item 13.1 Universal health coverage: Resolution on integrated emergency, critical and operative care for universal health coverage and protection from health emergencies

Chair,

Ireland aligns itself with the statement delivered by Sweden on behalf of the EU and its Member States.

This statement speaks to Item 13.1

Ireland welcomes the resolution on integrated emergency, critical and operative care for universal health coverage and protection from health emergencies which is co-sponsored by the EU and supports the call for timely additional efforts for its implementation as part of universal health coverage, so as to meet population health needs, improve health system quality, safety and resilience and ensure public health security globally

Ireland takes this opportunity to highlight its ongoing commitment to World Health Assembly Resolution WHA 68.15 on "Strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anaesthesia as a component of universal health coverage in connection with universal health coverage and protection from health emergencies", with its explicit reference to broader surgical care and anaesthesia.

Ireland fully supports the continued global efforts to implement measures to prevent surgical patients from dying of curable cancers, treatable injuries, birth complications, congenital abnormalities, and the many diseases that surgery and anaesthesia treat.

Ireland calls for the adoption of this resolution and is confident it can build on the achievements of the resolution WHA 68.15

I thank you.