Thank you, Mr. Chairperson, for giving Sri Lanka the floor.

Sri Lanka acknowledge the leadership taken by the World Health Organization in promoting digital health as means for strengthening the health systems and improving quality, safety and access to care among the member states.

I am sure you would agree in stating the draft global strategy is acting as a catalyst in promoting digital health in the region and Sri Lanka. We have been proactive in prioritizing digital health and so far achieved the following that is also inline with the draft global strategy.

- Working in collaboration with global, regional and local digital health interest groups in improving the knowledge in digital health. This includes capacity building of the health staff in digital health through post graduate training and in-service trainings.
- Adopted the National Policy on Health and strategy with an emphasis eHealth and innovation.
- Setting up the National eHealth Guidelines and Standards and governance mechanisms to enable interoperability between diverse digital health solutions.
- Improve the deployment of digital health solutions that are affordable and context relevant to the health sector. This includes people centred interventions for the primary care setting.

Sri Lanka endorse the adoption of the draft decisions on the draft global strategy on digital health as an important and timely action to achieve the vision of health for all.

Thank you.