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Accelerating the Elimination of Cervical Cancer as a Global Public Health Problem

Intervention

Chair,

We fully support Director General’s report on cervical cancer.

Cervical cancer is one of the most preventable cancers and the fourth most common cancer among women around the world. In our region, it is the second most common cancer in women, with approximately 175,000 new diagnoses annually.

We acknowledge and appreciate the draft global strategy to accelerate elimination of cervical cancer as a global public health problem. The interventions outlined in this strategy are critical in accelerating the elimination of cervical cancers. My country is committed in vaccination against human papilloma virus, screening for and treatment of pre-cancerous lesions, diagnosis, treatment and palliative care of invasive cancer and integration of cancer care with other health services.

We believe that the 90-70-90 target for elimination can be achieved by adhering to these strategies by the member states. Strengthening well women clinic in the Primary Health Care System will contribute to elimination of Cervical Cancer.

Thank you.