

**Pillar 1: One billion more people benefiting from universal health coverage**  
**Agenda No. 6: Universal health coverage**  
**Bangladesh statement**

Thank you, Madam Chair. We appreciate the Secretariat for the report.

2. Current state of achievement in UHC relating to SDGs of Agenda 2030 is not encouraging. If there were adequate health database in all countries, the picture would have been menacing.
3. The report basically speaks of the UHC scenario in the pre COVID-19 pandemic landscape. A thorough analysis of the pandemic period will put forth – as such, worse picture.
4. The gravity of the health situation in pockets of conflicts, war and poverty are alarming. Few paragraphs on this could have enriched the report. We hope the adoption of decision in the relevant document (EB/154/5/Add1) on this will improve access of the people in fragile, conflict affected and vulnerable settings to essential health services and systems.
5. The commitments made in the political declaration on UHC would be defeated if we are not able to create enablers under WHO's leadership to address country specific challenges.
6. We thank WHO for its technical support to us in framing UHC policies. However, because of current political crisis in some pockets of the world, we face growing challenges in sustaining affordable healthcare services for our people. This has caused out-of-pocket expenditure to our people that has already exceeded the global standard of less than 32%.
7. On country specific challenges, Bangladesh, as a climate vulnerable country, would appreciate WHO's technical support in assessing the impact of climate change on health relating to salinity intrusion because of sea level rise as well as in our health sector reform agenda.
8. Bangladesh would like to cosponsor the resolution penned by Ethiopia on global strategy and action plan for integrated emergency, critical and operative care.

I thank you, Chair.

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