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Intervention by India

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Thank you chair,

India aligns with the Global Polio Eradication Strategy and remains focused on sustaining high population immunity, strengthening surveillance systems, and preventing poliovirus re-emergence through comprehensive measures, with a strong emphasis on Routine Immunization activities.

Chair

In line with the approaches outlined in the report, India stresses the need for targeted and equity-based approaches to reach all remaining zero-dose children, including strengthened micro-planning, enhanced community engagement, robust last-mile delivery supported by a committed health workforce, and real-time monitoring.

India would like to highlight a transformative digital initiative under the Universal Immunization Programme—**U-WIN**—which has significantly enhanced monitoring and beneficiary tracking. This innovation facilitates the timely identification and follow-up of zero-dose and missed children, thereby strengthening routine immunization coverage and ensuring that no child is left behind.

India remains committed to sustaining polio eradication gains and stands ready to share its experiences and best practices to support global efforts towards a polio-free world.

Thank you!