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**Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
Government of India**

**Intervention by India**

**Agenda Item 22: Strengthening rehabilitation in health systems**

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**Thank you chair,**

Recognizing the critical role of rehabilitation in addressing the growing burden of disability, India aligns with the report's emphasis on health system strengthening, effective coverage and the development of global rehabilitation indicators.

**Chair**

The Government of India has embedded rehabilitation across its various national health programmes to ensure continuity of care across the life course. Health services are also linked to disability certification mechanisms, the provision of assistive devices and appliances, and social protection schemes, thereby supporting functional recovery and social inclusion.

**Chair**

India supports a phased and flexible approach to baseline data collection and the setting of global targets, and encourages WHO to develop operational guidance for disability-inclusive rehabilitation integrated into primary health care.

We believe this approach will support country-level adaptation of effective coverage measurement methodologies and facilitate structured knowledge sharing among Member States.

**Thank you!**