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Intervention by India

Agenda Item 23: Well-being and health promotion; Outcome of the WHO Commission on Social Connection

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Thank you chair,

India aligns with the global framework for integrating well-being into public health and welcomes its emphasis on whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches to advance physical, mental, social, and environmental well-being.

Chair

To sustain implementation, India suggests embedding well-being objectives into national and subnational planning and budgeting processes and strengthening linkages across public health, primary care, digital health and health promotion.

Chair

India also strongly aligns with the key messages and proposed actions of the WHO Commission on Social Connection.

India supports the Commission's call to recognize social connection as a public health priority and encourages Member States to integrate loneliness and social isolation within existing mental

health, primary care, and social welfare systems. Particular emphasis should be placed on community-based and preventive approaches, task-sharing across the health and social workforce and the ethical use of digital platforms to extend outreach to underserved populations.

Thank you!