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**Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
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Intervention by India

Agenda Item 26: Economics of health for all

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Thank you chair,

India acknowledges the economics of health for all approach, which enables pathways that promote, provide and protect health and well-being for all.

India is committed to progressively increasing public health expenditure, as evidenced by the increased share of Government Health Expenditure. These gains highlight the centrality of public investment in health, ensuring equity and financial protection. Our Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), the world's largest government-funded health assurance scheme, exemplifies India's economic strategy.

Chair

India recommends prioritizing Primary Health Care as the most cost-effective foundation for Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and emphasise leveraging digital platforms to improve efficiency and ensure every investment yields maximum health returns.

India looks forward to engaging with WHO and member states on the transformative draft strategy in a country-led, flexible and context-specific manner.

Thank you!