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Lebanon Statement on Item 9: Universal Health Coverage

Mr Chair, Esteemed members of the Board, distinguished delegates,

Lebanon thanks the Director-General for the draft global strategy on integrated emergency, critical and operative care, and commend the evidence-based approach taken in its development. For Lebanon, a country that has endured compounded crises and is now moving into recovery, it is essential that service delivery processes be explicitly tailored to conflict-affected and low-resource contexts, ensuring inclusiveness and equity.

On the global strategy for donation and transplantation, Lebanon notes with concern the delay in establishing the ECDT. We emphasize the need for a well-drafted global strategy that secures financing and addresses ethical challenges and takes into consideration humanitarian settings in particular. We support the decision of deferral and look forward to engaging in regional consultations.

Lebanon also values the continued attention to rare diseases following the resolution adopted at the last Assembly. Limited diagnostic capacity, gaps in newborn screening, and systemic financing constraints remain barriers. Addressing these requires investment in workforce training, integration of rare disease services into Universal Health Coverage strategies, and collaboration with specialized organizations.

We call upon WHO to continue providing technical assistance and to foster partnerships that support joint implementation, research, and innovation.

Together, we can advance health equity, resilience, and inclusion for all.

Thank you.