Honorable Chair, Distinguished Dr. Tedros, Colleagues,

Poland aligns itself with the statement delivered by Croatia on behalf of the EU and its Member States.

The world is facing a challenge that we must respond to in a spirit of solidarity and cooperation. A lot has already been done but yet there is still much to do.

To start with, I would like to thank WHO for its leading role and coordination in the global COVID-19 response.

We also express our deepest appreciation for the work and dedication of medical staff around the world. In this difficult time you stood up to the challenge.

Poland participates in the global efforts to combat the pandemic. We take part in the WHO’s Solidarity Trial. We have also sent our medical teams to other countries to support their fight against COVID-19. Moreover, Polish government has pledged funds contributing to the ACT Accelerator. Last but not least, a drug produced by a Polish pharmaceutical company is registered as an element of supportive therapy for coronavirus infections.

The global goal for the coming future is to find an effective drug and vaccine against COVID-19. We must make sure that both the drug and the vaccine will be equally accessible and affordable so that no one is left behind.

Transition phase is ahead of us. We need to plan it very consciously and carefully to respond to the challenges ahead in the best possible manner.

We are witnessing history. But we are also the ones who make it. Only by uniting our efforts we can combat COVID-19 pandemics.

We declare our full commitment in the fight against the new coronavirus and we ask the whole international community to unite its efforts in a spirit of solidarity and trust.

Thank you.