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Intervention Note :

Malaysia acknowledges the nation rapid population ageing due to increased life expectancy and declining birth rate. In preparation for the oncoming challenges, Malaysia had developed the National Older Persons Policy 1995, and National Elderly Plan of Action addressing the older person's needs across all sectors.

In conjunction with the national policy, Ministry of Health has developed National Elderly Health Plan of Action in 1998 and National Elderly Health Policy in 2008; specifically to address the elderly health needs.

Currently the National Elderly Health Plan of Action is in revision, congruent with the 'WHO Global Strategy and Action Plan on Ageing and Health' and the 'Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020-2030'.

Malaysia finds the proposed Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020-2030 is comprehensive in addressing the support of optimizing the levels and distribution of healthy ageing. To ensure the success of these healthy ageing agendas, multi-sectorial and multi-ministerial involvement are required. In Malaysia, the National Elderly Advisory and Consultative Council heads the national level multi-sectorial discussion on ageing agenda, and monitors the National Elderly Plan of Action achievements. Earnestly, we shall continuously strive to improve healthy ageing in our nation.

Henceforth, Malaysia endorses the proposal of Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020-2030.