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Intervention Note :

Malaysia wishes to thank the WHO Secretariat for this document which comprises of the observance of health days through the year. We agree that there is a need to establish clear priorities and a differentiated approach regarding its engagement in the world and regional observances ought to be applied. Truly, the observance of these health days serve as a vital tool for public health advocacy for both the policy-makers and also within the community. In the face of resource limitation, we need to leverage on existing platforms for dialogues and Malaysia agrees that joint campaigns are far more effective, efficient and cost-effective. We wish to take this opportunity to share with Member States that for the observance of World Health Day 2020, in view of the ongoing pandemic, we were unable to conduct any mass gatherings or campaigns. However, that did not stop us from observing World Health Day. Malaysia observed the World Health Day 2020 by having the Honorable Minister of Health Malaysia and WHO's Country Representative to Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam and Singapore jointly sign an Appreciation Letter to all our frontliners for their sacrifice and hard work in fighting COVID-19. This letter was then shared on the Ministry of Health's and WHO's

social media and received much accolades and appreciation from the community. Finally, Malaysia would appreciate the strengthening of coordination between Member States and the WHO Secretariat on the planning of upcoming new health-related observances. This could be implemented via consultations with the respective WHO Regional Officers. Subsequently, this would be a testament to the harmonious relationship between the WHO Secretariat and the Member States whose ultimate aim is to provide the highest quality of care to our people, whilst leaving no one behind.