Statement of the Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia
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Thank you Chair.

Indonesia would like to thank the Secretariat for preparing the report under these agenda items.

Indonesia aligns itself with the regional statement delivered by Thailand on social determinants of health.

The pandemic shows the importance of proper social, economic and environmental conditions in building a resilient health system.

Thus, strong political commitment is crucial to mainstream health into all policies concerning the social determinants of health, including in combating inequalities that are more apparent during the pandemic.

Chair,

Indonesia supports the regional statement delivered by Bhutan on behalf of the 11 SEAR member states. Indonesia takes note of the report under agenda item 23 on interpersonal violence.

Violence against women and children continues to be a global problem, both in developing and developed countries.

It is preventable.

As an original pathfinder on addressing violence against children initiative, we continue to advocate the need to address its long-term effects on the health of victims, both mentally and physically. This would require our concerted efforts to be strengthened both globally and locally.

Studies have indicated that the COVID-19 pandemic has escalated cases of domestic violence. Pandemic-induced frustration and agitation, gender inequality that undermined women and children's rights are the some of the main drivers. Meanwhile, the pandemic also limits people's access to essential services.

Given the multi-dimensional nature of the issue, a multidisciplinary prevention and response are required. The global action plan provides direction to address the health and other adverse consequences of such violence. Indonesia is committed to address interpersonal violence through various cross-sectoral policies and programs.

The health sector, in this regard, plays an important role in preventing and overcoming violence against women and children. We appreciate the WHO's work in addressing the issue, notably by tailoring guidance to the needs and context of member states.

Chair,

My delegation attaches great importance to end violence against children.

For this purpose, for Indonesia, the term "education on sexual and reproductive health" has a wider acceptance, including in our national context.

Thank you, Chair.

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