Thank you, Chair. The Philippines will address items 13.2, 13.3 and 13.9 in this intervention.

We thank the Russian Federation for the initiative, and joins the co-sponsors of the resolution on GCM-NCD. A roadmap for 2023–2030 for the global action plan for the prevention and control of NCDs in important to enable Member States to sustain progress on these fronts.

Extending the terms of reference of the WHO global coordination mechanism on NCD prevention and control until 2030, and its mid-term evaluation in 2025 is a prudent way forward. It is imperative to sustain the only formal Member State-led mechanism within the WHO to support cross-sectoral and multi-stakeholder collaboration in the fight against NCDs. We support the call for building capacities on engagement strategies with non-state actors, including prevention and management of conflict of interest.

Addressing diabetes as a public health problem is a top priority, as one of the top causes of mortality in our country. We support the WHO’s prequalification program for insulin providing countries and patients with access to quality products at affordable prices. Through the UHC Act, we also ensure equitable, and comprehensive care for those with diabetes through intensifying interventions against unhealthy diet and physical inactivity.

We note the World Report on Vision. Eye care is part of our national strategic plan, including the conduct of the 2023 national eye disease survey. We have aligned our eye care registry with global targets to evaluate progress of vision impairment programs, and call for strengthened support and collaboration on the development of monitoring and evaluation frameworks, data systems and integration of eye care into the UHC.

Through new legislation, the Philippines expands its reach to cancer patients and survivors. Support is available through the Medicines Access Program and the implementation of Maximum Drug Retail Price, expanding patients’ access to chemotherapeutics nationwide.

The Philippines fully supports the global strategy on oral health and the global action plan for the prevention of noncommunicable diseases. They share common risk factors, and can indeed be tackled together.

Thank you.