Preventing sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment

Thank you chair,

Thailand aligns itself with the statement delivered by Canada

We appreciated DG’s remarks at PBAC that he is committed to taking a holistic approach, applying important measures to promote a respectful workplace and take appropriate and timely actions to prevent exploitation, abuse and harassment in order to protect the people we serve.

We welcome WHO Secretariat’s guidelines and implementation tools for strengthening health services relevant to the prevention, detection and management of sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment.

Public health measures are crucial in creating supportive environments for populations at high risk of exploitation and abuse. We fully support that public health measures should be people-centred services.

My delegations urge all stakeholders to enforce the commitment of zero tolerance to sexual harassment in all WHO’s operations at all three levels of the Organization and in all countries. This is particularly relevant in the context of emergency operations as well as normal circumstance of post COVID.

Thank you chair