Integrated, people-centered eye care, including preventable vision impairment and blindness
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TALKING POINTS (written statement):

- The United States welcomes the recommendations on feasible global targets for 2030 on effective coverage of refractive error and cataract surgery. We were pleased to be included as part of the consultative process.

- The United States appreciates the continued efforts to address the major two causes of visual impairment: uncorrected refractive errors and cataracts. We recommend the Secretariat consider trichiasis surgical services in integrated people-centered eye care where appropriate.

- We also encourage optimizing global targets focused on the prevention of infectious causes of blindness, including trachoma and river blindness (onchocerciasis), as recommended in the WHO document ‘Ending the neglect to attain the Sustainable Development Goals: a roadmap for neglected tropical diseases, 2021-2030.’

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