Thank you Chair,

Malaysia fully appreciates the continued consideration of this important agenda item by the WHA. This is in line with the affirmation that the health of all peoples is fundamental to attaining peace and security, as enshrined in the WHO Constitution.

2. Malaysia would like to convey its appreciation to the Secretariat for preparing the report under this agenda item and we commend the humanitarian activities undertaken by the WHO and other UN Agencies to alleviate the sufferings of the Palestinian people.

3. Malaysia is very concerned by the latest report from the WHO. Israel continues to deny essential health resources and is actively obstructing access to health care for Palestinians. We would like to remind Israel that accountability for health is rooted in international legal obligations and human rights. Therefore, we call on Israel to facilitate entry of all essential medicines and medical supplies, and to respect and fulfil underlying social determinants of health for Palestinians, including through ending movement restrictions.

4. Malaysia also fully supports the call to ensure sustainable procurement and equitable access to medicine and medical equipment, including the COVID-19 vaccines, to the occupied Palestinian territory (OPT). Excluding Palestinians from vaccination has a direct negative impact on their health and well-being, increasing their risk of hospitalisation and death from COVID-19. Israel, as the occupying power has a moral obligation to ensure access to COVID-19 vaccines and other medical supplies, for the Palestinians.
5. As a demonstration of our strong position on this matter, **Malaysia is co-sponsoring** the draft decision proposed by Palestine on Health Conditions in the OPT, including East Jerusalem and in the occupied Syrian Golan. We hope that the WHO will continue its efforts in enhancing humanitarian health response capacities in the OPT, including east Jerusalem and in the occupied Syrian Golan.

Thank you.