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Agenda	15.1	Social determinants of health
	15.2	Maternal, infant and young child nutrition
	15.3	Well-being and health promotion
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The Philippines joins the 77th World Health Assembly, firmly committed to Pillar 3: One billion more people enjoying better health and well-being.

Health is a fundamental human right. This includes the most privileged to the most vulnerable, especially mothers and young children. However, global progress towards achieving nutrition and other sustainable development goals remains slow. Like many nations, the Philippines recognizes that addressing social determinants of health, a major factor in health outcomes, is crucial. Substantial investment in both health and non-health interventions is necessary to accelerate progress and improve health performance. This underscores the critical role of economic considerations in achieving health for all.

We emphasize a multi-faceted approach to tackle these challenges across various dimensions. On a broad scale, innovative financing mechanisms, such as levies on harmful products, can be explored alongside a renewed focus on social solidarity in healthcare funding. This dual approach can create a robust and sustainable financial foundation for health programs.

Furthermore, integrating health considerations into the core of all government policies can foster a holistic approach to well-being. We believe in the power of collaboration across sectors – a united front strengthens our collective fight for a healthier future for all.

Moving to a more specific level, the Philippines emphasizes the importance of a well-supported healthcare workforce. Empowering healthcare professionals with competitive compensation, robust career development opportunities, and positive work environments is vital. We also encourage the World Health Organization's continued leadership in unifying donor funding for health programs. As

well as in the regulation of misleading food marketing practices, and in advocating for healthier food options.

Finally, at the individual level, promoting breastfeeding, proper nutrition, and physical activity are key to fostering healthy lifestyles. We believe that strong financial management is the bedrock of a robust healthcare system. In this spirit, we invite the World Health Organization to offer technical assistance in this area.

By working collaboratively at every level, with a focus on innovative and sustainable solutions, we can create a future where health is not just an aspiration, but a reality for all nations. Let us build a world where health is a right, not a privilege.

Thank you.

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