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Acceleration towards the Sustainable Development Goal targets for maternal health and child mortality

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Honorable Chair,

Slovakia aligns itself with the statement delivered by Belgium on behalf of the European Union and we support all resolutions discussed under this item while we recognize them as crucial for strengthening global health architecture, improving related quality of care indicators, and achieving significant improvement in health, including patient safety components implementation. Slovakia would like to express gratitude to Somalia and the leadership of Professor Jama for their work on the important resolution of child mortality. In these vulnerable times, it is imperative that we strengthen the health of mothers and, especially, prevent child mortality as an investment into our future generations. Childhood health and the relentless work on this global, regional, local, community, family, and individual task is a challenge that we must all embrace.

A global commitment is essential to improve and accelerate efforts in protecting children, particularly in the critical neonatal period. For this reason, we support the Global Accelerator for Pediatric Formulations (GAP-f) network, which aims to secure better access to medicines for all children including those with humanitarian needs, living in underserved settings including all types of emergencies, and as an integrative part of an action plan for migrant health. However, Slovakia would like to request clarification on how this initiative mentioned in the resolution will help ensure that pediatric formulations of medicines are available for high-burden priority diseases, whether communicable or non-communicable.

Slovakia cosponsors the adoption of proposed resolutions and calls for its immediate implementation with sustainable funding and clinical guidelines development.

Thank you.