



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

**Honourable President of the Assembly,
Director General of the World Health Organization,
Excellences Health Ministers and Heads of Delegation
Distinguished Delegates,**

It is a great pleasure for me to address this esteemed Assembly on behalf of Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste. I would like to commence by congratulating the elected President and Vice Presidents of the 77th Session of World Health Assembly.

Timor-Leste commends the World Health Organization for 77 strong years of protecting, improving, and saving lives. This year theme of “***All for health, health for all***” ***encapsulates that health is not a privilege for the few, but a fundamental right for everyone.***

In our collective pursuit to Universal Health Coverage which is enshrined as a fundamental human right in our Constitutions, Timor Leste policy remains firm to the principle that National Health Services must be accessible and available to all Timorese people regardless of their background or circumstances.

Given the geographic and demographic characteristics of Timor-Leste, an “**Integrated Package of Health Care Service**”, designed to serve individuals and families, has been adopted which is inspired by the paradigm shift in addressing health and in line with the spirit of “***Health for all***”.

Social and financial protection are fostered towards improving health coverage especially for vulnerable social groups such as pregnant women, infant and children, as well as the elderly and those suffering from chronic illnesses.

Timor-Leste recognizes the important link between investment in public health and economic resilience and growth in building long term sustainability and prosperity.

Learning from the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue with our endeavour to always retain Health at the Center of development agenda.

“All for Health, Health for All” inspires us to create a future where the highest attainable standard of health is a reality for every person and collective wellbeing depends on our shared commitment to this goal.

Let us continue working towards this vision for a world where health truly is for all.

I Thank you!