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Thank You chair,

India appreciates the report and reaffirms its commitment to achieving the health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Triple Billion targets. Translating political commitment into tangible action requires a whole-of-government approach.

Countries should increase domestic health investment, strengthen accountability through regular monitoring and transparent reporting, and adopt data-driven strategies for targeted interventions at all levels. Multisectoral collaboration and integrating health into all policies are key to addressing social determinants and accelerating SDG progress. India's high-level political commitment has resulted in a reduction in maternal and child mortality, surpassing global averages, major expansions in primary care through the setting up of over 177 thousand Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, and large-scale digital health initiatives such as Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.

Chair,

WHO and partners should provide tailored technical assistance, support evidence-based priority setting, and promote innovative financing mechanisms such as public-private partnerships. Facilitating knowledge exchange, best practice sharing, and South-South cooperation will help countries maximize the impact of limited resources and ensure sustained, country-owned, outcome-driven results.

Chair,

Recognizing the critical importance of investing in strong health data systems, India has launched the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)—with over 739 million digital health accounts and linking 490 million health records, demonstrating the transformative impact of investing in digital health data systems.

Learning from the successful implementation of the ABDM, India suggests that countries and WHO consider investing in Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) in health systems. This will ensure scalable, interoperable and cost-effective, real time health data solutions for better, more effective & faster public health surveillance.

Thank You!