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Thank you, Chair.

We commend the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) for its progress, especially in reducing Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus (VDPV) Type 2 outbreaks. However, we remain concerned about continued circulation of wild poliovirus and committed for collective response.

At the national level, governments must strengthen surveillance systems to detect and respond to polio cases promptly. Regionally, it is crucial to foster collaboration and share data, synchronize vaccination campaigns and work together to prevent the re-emergence of the disease across borders. At global level, India suggests timely and safe withdrawal of oral polio vaccines and ensure that poliovirus samples are securely contained.

Chair!

In order to secure the financial resources for full implementation of the Polio Eradication Strategy, diversifying funding sources, engaging philanthropic organizations and building innovative financing mechanisms can bridge funding gaps. Alongside, transparent reporting

with measurable Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) is crucial to maintaining donor confidence and attracting new investments.

We believe the revised targets for Polio end game strategy are realistic, considering current trends and challenges. To reach all zero-dose children, a community-focused, equity-driven strategy is essential to identify and prioritize underserved and high-risk populations.

Thank You!