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Intervention by India

Agenda Item 24.2: Global Strategies and Plans of Action that are scheduled to expire within one year (3 Minutes)

- (i) *Global strategic directions for nursing and midwifery 2021-2025,*
- (ii) *Global strategy on digital health 2020-2025,*
- (iii) *Global action plan on the public health response to dementia 2017-2025*
- (iv) *Comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition 2012-2025*

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Chair,

India is aligned with ***Global strategic directions for nursing and midwifery 2021-25***, and comprehensively reforming its health system to meet global standards. India has already enacted National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Act, which provides for a more empowered and strong regulatory framework, adopting competency based curricula, promoting leadership and fostering global partnerships for better service and mobility.

To ensure universal achievement of global nursing and midwifery goals, **India advocates extending the agenda** and urges stronger international

collaboration, capacity building commitment, and equitable workforce distribution to address persistent challenges.

Chair,

India recognizes the importance *of WHO's Global Strategy on Digital Health (2020-2025)* in shaping the respective countries' digital health roadmap and its alignment with India's own efforts. **India supports its extension** to address evolving global health needs.

India's Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, eSanjeevani platform, and CoWIN have demonstrated the potential of digital public infrastructure in achieving scale, equity, and efficiency in healthcare delivery.

Moving forward, enhancing digital literacy and building institutional digital capacity are critical for sustained adoption. As emerging technologies like AI reshape healthcare, India advocates for agile, ethical frameworks and strengthened global cooperation.

Future strategies may underscore the importance of Digital Public Infrastructure and Digital Public Goods to empower low- and middle-income countries in advancing health equity.

Chair,

India acknowledges WHO's report and emphasizes the **urgency of advancing the Global Action Plan on Dementia (2017-2025)**.

As a country anticipating a significant rise in its ageing population, we stress the need to strengthen systems for prevention, early diagnosis, and quality care.

India recognizes the importance of the action plan in India's context and recommends the development of measurable operational targets to enhance

accountability and accelerate progress—aligned with the Triple Billion targets and SDG 3.4.

Chair!

India supports the comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition 2012-2025

Recognizing the critical role of nutrition, India has adopted life cycle approach to interrupt the intergenerational cycle of under-nutrition through interventions such as **Infant Young Child Feeding, *Anemia Free India*, Vitamin A Supplementation**, among many.

India supports the resolution for continued focus on maternal infant and young child nutrition.

Thank You!