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including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan**

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Thank You Mr. Chairman

My delegation would like to thank the Director-General and the Secretariat for their continuing efforts to improve health conditions in the occupied Palestine. It is matter of grave concern that the recent WHO report (A78/16), dated 13 may 2025 under this agenda Item fails to address the ongoing grave health condition in Gaza and is limited to a short summary of activities in the occupied Palestinian territory. The health system in the occupied Palestine is under fire and all aspects of life, including the underlying determinants of health, have been profoundly affected by the Israeli apartheid regime's military operation in Gaza.

The relentless attacks by the Israeli regime on Palestine, have severely impacted healthcare services, leading to a widespread displacement, food insecurity and disease outbreaks. The healthcare system is under extreme strain due to repeated attacks on medical facilities, critical shortages of supplies and overwhelming demand. As stipulated in the report In the West Bank, also access to healthcare has been significantly hindered by movement restrictions, violence and disruptions in essential services.

The failure of the international community to put an end to the illegal occupation and the brutalities perpetrated by the Israeli regime against the Palestinian people, remains the primary reason why we are still witnessing this tragic situation today and why innocent lives continue to be lost.

Mr Chairman

The deteriorated health situation of defenseless and innocent people in Gaza highlights the impossibility of the health system recovery, without urgent international assistance. Continuing the status quo will only exacerbate the crisis. Relief aid channels and support provisions for the people have been blocked, leaving vulnerable individuals, mainly patients, children, women, and persons with disabilities severely affected.

The international community must take tangible supportive actions to address the basic and essential needs of the affected population and provide the necessary assistance to alleviate the suffering of the Palestinian people and pave the way for an end to the ongoing genocide.

Mr. Chairman

These crimes against humanity and flagrant violations of human rights - all of which are contrary to the WHO objectives and principles - must be categorically condemned.

Finally, in line with our consistent position, we express our reservation concerning those parts of the draft decision, and of the report contained in document A/78/16, that might be construed as implying recognition of the Israeli regime.
