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The Philippines expresses its strong support for the adoption of the draft Global Action Plan on Climate Change and Health.

As one of the most climate-vulnerable countries, we recognize the urgency of integrating health in climate policies and vice versa. Climate change is already exacerbating health risks in the Philippines, including increasing frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, rising cases of heat-related illnesses, vector-borne diseases, food and water insecurity, and mental health issues among others.

We appreciate the inclusive consultations led by the Secretariat and commend the coherence of the draft Global Action Plan with the Paris Agreement and the WHO Global Strategy on Health, Environment, and Climate Change. The recognition of equity, local leadership, and the needs of vulnerable populations is crucial.

We call for stronger climate-health financing. Less than 5% of total global climate change spending and less than 1% of climate financing currently goes to healthcare. We urge Member States, development banks, and global funding mechanisms to prioritize investments in health resilience, especially for developing countries and small island nations.

The Philippines is committed to constructively engaging in ongoing consultations and supports the subsequent adoption of the Global Action Plan, as envisioned under decision EB 156(40).