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Excellencies,

The Philippines stands in full solidarity with the collective actions we are taking at this World Health Assembly. In the wake of COVID-19, we have learned hard lessons—that pandemics can profoundly disrupt lives, economies, and health systems, and that inequities in access to countermeasures deepen suffering and prolong recovery.

This is why we strongly support the adoption of the **Pandemic Agreement**, and the resolution to **accelerate action on the global health and care workforce**. We urge meaningful and sustained commitments through the upcoming **Investment Round**, so that these instruments translate into real protection for populations.

The Pandemic Agreement represents a moral affirmation of our shared responsibility as Sovereign States and as part of a global community—an agreement to stand together against threats that know no borders.

Excellencies, healthy populations are the foundation of peace, security, and sustainable development. The theme of this Assembly, *One World for Health*, reminds us that cooperation and solidarity remain our greatest strengths in confronting global challenges—be it **tuberculosis, HIV, noncommunicable diseases, mental health**, or the persistent **shortage of health and care workers**.

As we commit to bold actions today, we must also safeguard the very institution that unites us—the **World Health Organization**. We call on all Member States to ensure that WHO remains **robust, well-financed, and fit-for-purpose** to fulfill its mandate.

Finally, we express our deep sense of responsibility to the global community as a leader and a partner in health. As we usher in a new, transformed era of global health governance, we look forward to leveraging our common interests to achieve the greatest impact.

Thank you.