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ITEM 13.3 UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE:

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1. South Africa aligns with the statement delivered by Kenya on behalf of the Africa Region, and we commend the Director-General for his report.
2. South Africa reasserts its the **Political Declaration on Universal Health Coverage (UHC)**, and its commitment to covering an additional billion people by 2025 and eliminating health impoverishment through boosted public financing.
3. We strongly support **Primary Health Care (PHC)** and sustainable domestic public financing as essential to Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Prioritising health in budgets and investing in our **health workforce** are critical.
4. Our **National Health Insurance** embodies this by pooling funds for universal access to quality care and integrating our fragmented health system based on health needs.
5. We urge continued WHO technical cooperation on the implementation of PHC, health financing, and integrated care.
6. Building on our G20 Presidency, South Africa champions **Primary Health Care (PHC) and its sustainable financing** as foundational for resilient, equitable health systems and sustainable development.

Thank you.