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Chair,

Armenia supports efforts to build a global health architecture that is better aligned with country needs, avoids fragmentation and duplication, and strengthens core functions such as norms and standards, surveillance, technical cooperation, sustainable financing, accountability, and international cooperation.

In this context, Armenia wishes to underline the importance of ensuring that treaty-based instruments and their governing bodies are reflected in this process. The WHO FCTC and the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products are legally binding public health treaties and important pillars of global health governance.

As the future host of COP12 and MOP5 in 2027, Armenia attaches particular importance to ensuring that the WHO FCTC system is appropriately included in the reform process and encourage in this regard structured engagement with the Convention Secretariat and with the Bureaus of the COP and MOP at appropriate stages of the process.

Armenia supports a reform process that strengthens coherence across WHO, the wider UN system, global health initiatives, regional organizations, and treaty bodies, while preserving the integrity and authority of existing legal instruments.

Thank you