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Chair,
Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

On agenda item 20, The Republic of The Gambia appreciates the good work the Secretariat is doing and thanks them for the report under Document A79/23.

We welcome the continued efforts to strengthen collaboration across the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations. Such collaboration is essential to addressing the complex and interconnected challenges facing our health systems, including pandemics, climate change, and the growing burden of non-communicable diseases.

For The Gambia, effective multilateral collaboration has been instrumental in advancing national health priorities. Our partnerships with agencies such as UNICEF, the World Bank, and regional bodies have supported progress in health systems strengthening, maternal and child health, and health financing reforms.

However, we note that fragmentation of efforts and limited coordination at the country level continue to affect efficiency and impact.

In this regard, The Gambia highlights three priorities: First, enhancing coordination and joint programming across the UN system at country level, aligned with national development frameworks and priorities. Second, promoting greater efficiency through reduced duplication and improved resource harmonization. Third, strengthening country ownership and leadership in coordinating external support to ensure sustainable and impactful outcomes.

We also encourage continued efforts to leverage regional platforms and intergovernmental organizations to support collective action and shared learning.

The Gambia remains committed to working with the United Nations system and partners to advance integrated, efficient, and country-led approaches to health and development.

I thank you.