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Intervention by India (2 mins)

Agenda Item 12.1 - Follow-up to the political declaration of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

Agenda Item 12.2 – Mental Health

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Thank you Chair,

India supports the adoption of Decision EB158(1) and aligns in principle with the resolution “Global action to advance health equity for people with haemophilia and other bleeding disorders”. India also welcomes the Political Declaration of the fourth High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being.

India’s response to non-communicable diseases (NCDs) is guided by a comprehensive primary healthcare approach focused on prevention, early detection, treatment and continuity of care. Population-based screening for major NCDs is being implemented through around 185,000 primary healthcare

facilities, supported by digital follow-up systems. India is also strengthening healthcare capacity through training, improved infrastructure and access to affordable quality-assured generic medicines.

Chair,

Mental health remains a key public health priority for India. Through the National Mental Health Programme, India is strengthening community-based and integrated mental healthcare services, particularly in underserved and remote areas. States and Union Territories are supported for outpatient and inpatient services, early identification, counselling, school and workplace interventions, and awareness generation activities.

Mental healthcare is also being integrated at the primary healthcare level through Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres, while Tele-MANAS provides 24x7 free tele-mental health support across the country.

India remains committed to accelerating global action on NCD prevention and control and appreciates WHO's leadership in advancing inclusive and people-centred mental healthcare.

Thank you.