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Mr. Chair,

Israel welcomes and supports the draft resolution before us.

This text addresses the profound public health consequences of regional instability and attacks against civilians and essential civilian infrastructure.

Health systems do not function in isolation. They depend on stability, secure supply chains, functioning ports, energy infrastructure, water systems, and safe maritime routes.

The recent attacks launched by the Islamic Republic of Iran against countries in the region are not isolated incidents.

They are part of a broader and longstanding pattern of destabilizing behavior that has undermined regional security and directly endangered civilian populations for decades.

Iran has systematically pursued regional destabilization through military escalation, support for armed proxies, and attacks targeting civilian populations and infrastructure.

From Hezbollah in Lebanon to Hamas and other armed groups in Gaza, Iran's support for actors that operate from within civilians has fueled instability, prolonged suffering, and increased risks to public health systems across the Middle East.

The consequences are not theoretical. As reflected in this draft, attacks affecting airports, ports, energy facilities, water infrastructure, and maritime routes, including through threats to freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz, have direct implications for access to medicines, medical technologies, food supply chains, and continuity of healthcare services.

This is an important reminder that regional aggression does not remain confined to borders. It has global consequences that affect the health security of millions.

Mr. Chair,

Israel supports this resolution and calls on Member States to recognize a simple reality: sustainable health security in our region requires confronting the drivers of instability, not ignoring them.

A safer and healthier Middle East depends on rejecting aggression and extremism, and a clear distinction between the initiator of terror and violence and between attacked civilian communities and infrastructure. For these reasons, Israel supports the adoption of this resolution.