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Mr Chair, Esteemed members of the Board, distinguished delegates,

Lebanon commends WHO's support in advancing the health-related Sustainable Development Goals. Yet we must acknowledge that Lebanon's fragmented governance and fiscal crisis have slowed SDG progress towards 2030.

We recognize that health is deeply interconnected with other sectors, and that national efforts should be coordinated to have maximum gains. Thus, we are now fostering strong coordination platforms through sharing efforts with academia, related UN organizations and civil society to accelerate efforts towards 2030. Any activity across the whole health spectrum from health promotion to research and policy formulation is approached in a spirit of collaboration and coordination to feed into strategic goals.

In conflict-affected settings with high population mobility, vital events among refugees, migrants, and displaced communities often go unregistered, especially outside formal health facilities. Weak health information systems compound these gaps, distorting indicators—overstating mortality, misrepresenting immunization coverage, and skewing measures of noncommunicable disease and universal health coverage. Such biases risk undermining the credibility of SDG progress measurement by 2030. Unless corrective action is taken now, achievements will be judged against false evidence rather than real trends.

We believe that the world could benefit from intensified work on SDG such as for WHO's esteemed DG to convene a task force of experts and Member States to develop technical guidance for robust denominator and numerator estimation under conditions of data disruption, and we call for the continued allocation of targeted support to Member States for data system strengthening especially in countries in conflicts where the data disruption is at the highest risk.

Thank you.