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**Agendas 12.6. Health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and 12.10
Harmonization of regulatory approaches, governance and standards for data, digital
health and artificial intelligence in the health sector**

The Philippines notes the report on health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and affirms the call to accelerate progress through resilient health systems, stronger primary healthcare, sustainable financing, and better use of data. As we approach 2030, it is increasingly clear that Member States must make deliberate choices. We need to focus on high-impact interventions, safeguard essential health services, and ensure that limited resources are used in ways that advance equity, financial protection, and improved health outcomes.

For countries with decentralized or devolved health systems, aligning national priorities with local implementation remains a central challenge. Achieving this requires clear accountability mechanisms, predictable and sustainable financing, and health information systems that support timely decision-making, resource allocation, and performance monitoring across all levels of the system.

On Item 12.10, the Philippines underscores that harmonized regulatory approaches for data, digital health, and artificial intelligence are essential to achieving the SDGs. Trusted, interoperable, and ethically governed digital systems are critical for improving service delivery, strengthening surveillance, and enabling evidence-based policy. We support global efforts to establish standards that uphold privacy, safety, and equity in the use of emerging technologies.

We request the WHO Secretariat to continue supporting Member States in translating SDG and digital health commitments into implementable national actions, particularly through guidance on priority-setting, monitoring, country data systems, and structured exchange of practical lessons across regions.

The Philippines remains committed to advancing efficient, equitable, and accountable health systems as we collectively strive toward the 2030 targets.

Thank you.