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The Philippines welcomes the progress in implementing Resolution WHA 76.19. Safe and effective food fortification remains an important public health measure, particularly when integrated within the broader nutrition, maternal and child health, and healthy food environment strategies.

The Philippines is strengthening national efforts to enhance food fortification, including the ongoing initiative to support the addition of folic acid and the use of more bioavailable forms of iron in wheat flour fortification standards. Likewise, the Philippines recognizes the growing need to align food fortification strategies with the promotion of healthier food environments and broader efforts to prevent diet-related noncommunicable diseases.

Food fortification programmes must remain evidence-based and supported by strong regulatory monitoring and multisectoral coordinated action to ensure safety, quality, and programme sustainability

The Philippines further emphasizes the importance of effective risk communication, stakeholder engagement, and implementation support to strengthen compliance. In this regard, the provision of normative guidance, technical assistance, and capacity-building support for Member States by the WHO Secretariat is commendable.

The Philippines reiterates our commitment to advance effective, sustainable, and health-promoting nutrition interventions.

Thank you.