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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

Item 12.2 Mental health

Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the continued attention to mental health at the World Health Assembly with emphasis on community-based mental health services and whole-of-government approaches

For Ukraine, mental health remains a critical issue due to Russia's ongoing war of aggression. The war continues to affect the mental well-being of millions of people, including children, civilians, health workers, veterans, and internally displaced persons.

In response, Ukraine continues to integrate mental health and psychosocial support into the health system and national recovery efforts. Our priority is to ensure that basic mental health support is accessible through primary health care and at the community level. We continue training health workers through the WHO mhGAP programme and expanding community-based services that combine medical, social, and psychosocial support.

In this regard, Ukraine also would like to remind the implementation of the WHA resolution on strengthening mental health and psychosocial support before, during and after armed conflicts, disasters and other emergencies, initiated by Ukraine, the Netherlands and a broad group of Member States. This resolution highlights the importance of integrating mental health and psychosocial support into emergency preparedness, response and recovery.

Ukraine thanks WHO and partners for their continued support and remains committed to sharing its experience in delivering mental health services under wartime conditions.

I Thank you.