

12.4. Universal health coverage

Dear Chair,

Ukraine thanks the Secretariat for the reports and supports Universal Health Coverage as the foundation of resilient health systems.

Regarding the draft global strategy for integrated emergency, critical and operative care, Ukraine's experience during Russia's ongoing aggression shows that critical care must function as a continuum — from pre-hospital response to surgery and rehabilitation. We support strengthening workforce capacity, referral systems, and digital tools, especially in conflict-affected settings.

On transplantation, Ukraine believes that addressing unethical practices requires tackling the global shortage of organs, tissues, and cells. Alongside strong oversight, we need practical measures to expand donor programmes and improve equitable access.

Regarding rare diseases, Ukraine stresses that equity must become a practical reality. Many countries still face limited access to diagnostics and treatment due to weak procurement capacity and extremely high prices for orphan medicines. We support stronger international cooperation and practical access mechanisms.

Finally, Ukraine fully supports strengthening primary health care, including the integration of mental health, rehabilitation, and digital solutions, as well as task-sharing approaches to address workforce shortages.

Thank you.