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Item 15.4 Maternal, infant and young child nutrition

Dear Chair,

Ukraine thanks the Secretariat for the report on maternal, infant and young child nutrition. The report clearly demonstrates that global progress towards nutrition targets remains uneven, particularly in fragile and conflict-affected settings.

For Ukraine, protecting maternal and child nutrition is an essential component of health system resilience and recovery. We strongly support integrating nutrition targets into primary health care and maternal and child health services. Essential nutrition interventions must remain accessible even during emergencies and disruption, especially for vulnerable women and children.

At the same time, many countries face the double burden of malnutrition, where nutrient deficiencies and childhood obesity coexist. Addressing this challenge requires not only counselling, but also healthier food environments and practical prevention measures.

In this regard, schools remain a key platform for promoting healthy nutrition habits from an early age. Ukraine continues implementation of school nutrition reform, including updated nutritional standards, healthier school meals, and expansion of free meals, particularly in frontline and border regions. We support WHO guidance on healthy school food environments and practical measures that make healthy choices easier and more accessible for children and families.

Finally, we emphasize the importance of technical support and capacity-building for countries under pressure, including support for early prevention of malnutrition and integration of nutrition across health and food systems.

Ukraine remains committed to cooperation with WHO and partners to accelerate progress and reduce inequalities in maternal and child nutrition.

Thank you.