

Item 15.2 Well-being and health promotion

Item 15.5 Draft strategy on the economics of health for all

Dear Chair,

Ukraine thanks the Secretariat for the reports.

For Ukraine, well-being and health promotion are directly linked to resilience during war and recovery after it. The impact of war goes beyond physical injuries. It affects mental health, social cohesion, education, employment, and long-term human capital.

We support a whole-of-government approach to health promotion. Health outcomes depend not only on healthcare, but also on social protection, education, housing, and community support. Policies in these sectors must work together.

Ukraine also welcomes the work of the WHO Commission on Social Connection. Social isolation, displacement, and loss of community ties have become major public health challenges during the war. Strengthening community-based services, mental health support, rehabilitation, and primary health care is essential to reduce these risks and support recovery.

We support integrating well-being into public policy and economic decision-making. Investment in prevention, mental health, healthy environments, and social cohesion should be seen not as costs, but as investments in economic resilience and recovery.

In this regard, Ukraine supports further work on the strategy on the economics of health for all, including stronger evidence, technical support, and sustainable financing mechanisms, especially for countries affected by conflict.

Finally, Ukraine underlines the importance of strengthening preparedness and response to radiation and health risks. For countries facing threats to critical infrastructure and nuclear safety, international coordination remains essential.

Ukraine remains committed to cooperation with WHO and partners to strengthen resilient, people-centred health systems.

Thank you.