Thank you Chair.

Indonesian delegation wishes to focus its intervention on the Agenda Item 13. Indonesia supports the strategy for overcoming vision impairment as an integrated program in the National Health System as well as the efforts to ensure that everyone with vision impairments has the appropriate access to the required health services affordably.

In the context of overcoming vision impairment and blindness, Indonesia has issued the Regulation of the Minister of Health on the Prevention and Control of Vision and Hearing Loss. Indonesia has set a target to reduce the prevalence of vision impairment by 25% in 2030, compared to the prevalence in 2017. The agreeable target has been set out based on the available resources.

Indonesia agrees that feasible target determination as an indicator of the success of a vision impairment management program is vital. This also includes the determination of global target recommendations regarding the effective coverage for refractive error intervention and cataract surgeries that need to be achieved by 2030. We recognize the importance of the setting up of practical indicators, operational definitions, and operational strategies, so that the global targets can be implemented properly.

Indonesia supports the global target to increase the effective coverage of refractive error intervention to 40% by 2030. In this regard, Indonesia has implemented early detection and screening program, especially for school-age children, with the follow-up of providing corrective glasses. Additionally, Indonesia also supports the 60% increase for the use of corrective glasses for refractive error, including presbyopia, by 2030.

Furthermore, Indonesia also supports the 30% increase in effective coverage of cataract surgery by 2030 as one of the global target recommendations. Indonesia encourages early detection of cataracts in the community, especially in people over 40 years of age. Indonesia has been conducting the program with the follow-up of provision of cataract surgery, that is being supported by the National Health Insurance scheme, as well as private sectors through social service activities, professional organizations, and other non-state actors. Indonesia strives to achieve the coverage for cataract surgeries for people presenting visual acuity of less than 3/60 to reach 70%.

Thank you Chair.