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Thank you, Chair

Global health stands at a defining crossroads. Our interconnected reality as a global village demands collective action and shared responsibility.

Pakistan, a nation of over 260 million people with more than 6.19 million newborns annually, faces significant healthcare challenges yet we have achieved measurable progress. We have reduced maternal and child mortality, expanded immunization coverage, and strengthened responses to TB, HIV, malaria, dengue, and hepatitis. Our Universal Health Coverage Index has risen from 40 to 56 percent since 2015.

Polio eradication remains our foremost national priority. With sustained efforts and continued support from the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we are confident of a polio-free Pakistan.

Our government has launched a Ten-Year Health and Population Strategy anchored in the shift from sick care to healthcare, building resilient primary health systems that protect, empower, and uplift every human being regardless of geography or circumstance.

Pakistan has approved its first-ever National Vaccine Policy and is advancing indigenous vaccine production through national and international partnerships.

We are proud that our 188 medical colleges produce over 22,000 skilled doctors annually, serving Pakistan and the world. We call on the global community for meaningful co-investment in this human capital, which belongs to us all.

At the global level, on the WHO Pandemic Agreement, Pakistan will engage constructively to finalize the PABS Annex on the basis of equity, equal footing, and clear, legally binding commitments.

Finally, calls for efficiency in the Global Health Architecture must never come at the cost of WHO's country presence or support for developing nations.

I thank you, Chair.
