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Excellencies, Dear Colleagues,

Hungary thanks the Secretary General for his report, and remains fully committed to the fight against HIV/AIDS, and to the implementation of the Declarations in this regard.

We align ourselves with the statement made by the European Union.

The Agenda 2030 set a high ambition: ending the epidemic by 2030, thus contributing to the broader principles of equity, human rights and leaving no one behind. In order to do so, our policy programs must be ambitious, and must be underpinned by political will, professional support, as well as sufficient human and financial resources in their implementation.

Critical elements in our efforts towards ending the epidemic by 2030 include sustainable financial support for prevention, increased screening uptake and treatment; and fight against stigma and multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination towards people living with HIV/AIDS, particularly in rural areas, where transmission is less frequently detected in certain groups of the population.

HIV/AIDS prevention and early diagnosis are among Hungary's health policy priorities, supported by the Ministry of Human Capacities, and since the very beginning of the epidemic, Hungary was able to contain the HIV/AIDS quite successfully. Our action includes awareness-raising and education of the public, including through the media; increased regular screenings and counselling services to the population at risk; diagnosing HIV at an early stage; HIV prevalence survey among pregnant women; needle exchange programs; and the share of experiences of case studies and best practices. Preventive steps addressed

at the youth include school programs on prevention and responsible sexual behaviour, as well as health promotion for teenagers.

Hungary is committed to the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action, the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcomes of their review conferences, as well as the 2030 Agenda, serving also as basic references in the fields of sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights. These issues and - with regard to information and education in the HIV/AIDS Declarations -, age-appropriate and evidence-based comprehensive sexuality education are interpreted and promoted by Hungary in the context of the ICPD Programme of Action, the Beijing Platform for Action and the 2030 Agenda, as well as in line with its national legislation.

We are proud that Hungary has achieved almost two of the 90-90-90 targets, namely, 90% of persons diagnosed as HIV-positive have access to antiretroviral therapy, and almost 90% of the patients receiving treatment are HIV-virus free or have very low level of copy number. In Hungary, every HIV patient has access to the latest antiretroviral drugs for a very low fee, resulting in the decrease of copy numbers in the blood to undetectable level, a significant improvement of the quality of life of those infected, and a likelihood of transmission close to zero.

Excellencies,

We believe that, with an additional collective push, elimination of the epidemic by 2030 is possible, and we reiterate our commitment to this end.