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Honorable chair, distinguished delegates,

I speak on behalf of the World Medical Association (WMA) representing over 9 million doctors worldwide.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been dramatic regression in many immunization indicators. Children, despite being the group least at risk from COVID-19, unfortunately bear the largest impact on their health from those indirect consequences. Children are at risk of high morbidity and mortality from vaccine preventable diseases as evidenced by the recent measles and polio outbreaks.

We call on Member States and WHO to act urgently to accelerate and strengthen essential immunization services by ensuring equitable access and distribution of vaccines to all, improve vaccine access to marginalized and remote populations as well as data systems, strengthen vaccine delivery infrastructure, and enhance disease surveillance for all vaccine preventable diseases.

Thank you.
