United States Speaker Statement

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Thank you, Chair. It is a pleasure to speak to all of you today.

Last year, at the Eighth Session, we reported on the United States' Data Modernization Initiative, managed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (U.S. CDC). This initiative is an effort to transform the U.S. public health data systems into an integrated, response-ready, and resilient system to support our ongoing efforts to enable proactive public health prevention and response.

We note that the Data Modernization Initiative's use of the United States' vital statistics system is a prime example of how we can leverage data to meet current public health statistical needs around the world.

Successful use of data to leave no person behind requires a whole-of-government approach, through enhanced coordination and the linkage of cross-government functions.

Four critical factors enable such a linkage:

1) Policies, agreements, and legislation;
2) infrastructure and related data governance;
3) funding, and resources; and
4) people and organizational culture.

These factors can support the integration of systems and the deployment of modernized technology, as well as the people and process considerations that are needed to ensure that relevant statistics are effectively collected, efficiently processed, and promptly disseminated to all stakeholders in the public, private, and academic communities.

These observations are based on the work of the U.S. CDC and their National Center for Health Statistics. And we are eager to explore opportunities for deepening our cooperation in harnessing the power of data to leave no one behind.

Thank you.