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## **UNGA74 Third Committee Youth Resolution – General statement US amendment L66 on OP10**

### ***Statement delivered by Mexico***

Mr. Chair,

I make this statement on behalf of a cross-regional group of countries: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Georgia, Greece, Japan, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Namibia, North Macedonia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uruguay, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and my own country Mexico.

We are grateful to Cabo Verde, Kazakhstan and Portugal for their leadership on the resolution on Policies and programmes involving youth and the open and constructive way in which they have facilitated negotiations at this session.

We therefore regret the breaking of consensus on this resolution at this late stage, particularly given the importance of this topic. We are surprised by the last minute nature of these proposed amendments. We are concerned at the lack of regard shown for the appropriate procedure of this Committee, with the circulation of amendments a

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few days before action on this resolution, despite weeks of informal negotiations and ample opportunity to table the amendments.

We are concerned that these amendments seek to modify agreed language, which has been consensus for many years. This terminology has a long history in inter-governmentally agreed documents. The language comes from the ICPD Programme of Action 1994 and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action 1995.

We are disappointed at the amendments proposed to remove any reference to health-care services. The compromise language of health-care services is long standing agreed language, including in the Agenda 2030. This language should be recognized as a fine balance to recognize the different views of delegations on the scope of health needs.

In the view of our countries, health services goes beyond the provision of medical care provided for immediate health needs. For example, medical tests, counselling, as well as the provision of health related information and education are all services that would be included by this this phrase. Only by investing in health services for women, girls, adolescents and all vulnerable populations, can we universally meet the health needs of all.

Once again we express our regret that we have been forced to vote on these issues in this Committee. We urge all delegations to support the rights of the child and vote against any amendments on this resolution.

Thank you Mr. Chair.