At the outset I would like to thank UNAIDS and Government of Kenya for hosting this important meeting.

Since 2010, new infections among adults in the Islamic Republic of Iran has decreased by 11%. However, we believe that it is too slow to achieve 2020 targets and rapid programme scale-up is needed. Islamic Republic of Iran during the past years has dedicated at least 26% of its HIV budget to prevention programme with a focus on Harm Reduction programme.

After joining the coalition, Islamic Republic of Iran has reviewed its programme and developed a prevention road map. The revised Prevention programme is incorporated in the 5th National Strategic Plan for HIV Control and will be implemented during 2020-2024.

The Government of Islamic Republic of Iran commits to include a full set of national prevention targets in its 5th National Strategic Plan (2020-24) and to fully fund it.

The Government of Islamic Republic of Iran commits within framework of its 5th National Strategic Plan (2020-24) to increase the number of high-risk behavior populations affected by HIV who access customized HIV prevention services.

The Government of Islamic Republic of Iran commits to incorporate PreP into the 5th National Strategic Plan (200-24) as part of a combination prevention package.

Finally, I would like to congratulate UNAIDS, UNFPA and the Coalition for their great efforts regarding prioritizing Prevention in the AIDS response.

I thank you