USA Explanation Note

The United States is pleased to join the consensus in the adoption of this Mexico City Declaration.

In the preparatory negotiations and at this forum, delegates from all countries have made valuable contributions, and worked in a spirit of cooperation and good will. We would like to express our particular appreciation for the hard work and gracious hospitality of the government of Mexico. The United States strongly supports efforts to expand the coverage and quality of healthcare to all people.

The United States has long recognized the human right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health. We also underscore that this right belong to every person, including vulnerable persons, without discrimination. We embrace this document’s reaffirmation of that right. We do not read this document, however, as redefining the extent, the nature, or the content of that right and our commitment to it. We also reaffirm that this right, like all human rights, belongs to all persons individually, rather than collectively.

We request that the text of this statement be included in the record of the adoption of this Declaration.