Our comments are on paragraph 27

Thank you for giving us such a comprehensive and balanced health paragraph.

We would, however, like to suggest some small ‘tweaks’, based on our comments submitted in writing yesterday.

1. Rather than make a deletion, as suggested by Norway, we would suggest adding and mental between physical and health, in the first sentence of the paragraph.

2. And, thank you for including antimicrobial resistance, where it belongs, in this paragraph.

3. In the penultimate line of the paragraph we would suggest adding neurological before behavioural and developmental disorders.

4. After disorders we would add and also road traffic fatalities given the crosscutting relevance of road safety and the uncertainty of the proposed revisions included for target 3.6.

5. We support CARICOM’s suggestion to delete devoting greater efforts to ahead of the prevention and treatment of non-communicable diseases.

6. We want services to remain after reproductive and sexual health care, so that it is consistent with the target.

7. On neonatal or newborn we would suggest deferring to WHO.

8. As for adding or deleting a hyphen in health care, we do not see it worth fighting over, although we would like to ensure that “no hyphen is left behind.”

27 To promote physical and mental health and well-being and to extend life expectancy for all, we must achieve universal health coverage and access to quality health care. No one must be left behind. We commit to accelerating the progress made to date in reducing newborn, child and maternal mortality by ending all such preventable deaths before 2030. We are committed to ensuring universal access to sexual and reproductive health care services, including for family planning, information and education. We will equally accelerate the pace of progress made in fighting malaria, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, hepatitis, Ebola and other communicable diseases and epidemics, including by addressing growing anti-microbial resistance and the problem of unattended diseases affecting developing countries. We are committed to devoting greater efforts to the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, including neurological, behavioural and developmental disorders, and also road traffic fatalities which constitute a major challenge for sustainable development.