India’s Commitment in support of EWEC Movement:

India unequivocally supports Every Woman Every Child Every Adolescent Movement. We are committed to accelerating efforts to end preventable maternal, newborn, child and adolescent deaths and promoting the health and wellbeing of its population to highest possible level. Equity in health has been the key principle underpinning health policy and programmes in India and, we will work with enhanced focus on ensuring access to quality healthcare particularly for marginalized, underserved, and poorer segments of the population.

We are committed to ensuring universal health coverage and to institutionalizing a robust health system where the most vulnerable and disadvantaged not only have access to health care and but also financial protection. India will continue to increase its investment in women’s and children’s and adolescents’ health.

Addressing equity, ensuring quality, emphasis on critical life stages with high impact interventions through continuum of care remain the cornerstones of RMNCH+A Strategy under India’s flagship programme, the National Health Mission.

India commits to continued focus on increasing coverage and equity of quality care for newborns, targeting reduction in Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) and still births to single digit by 2030. India will work towards accelerating the annual rate of immunization from existing 1% to more than 5% per year with the aim of achieving more than 90% coverage by 2020. We want to ensure that no child in India dies of a vaccine-preventable disease.

India will continue to work with renewed zeal on ending preventable maternal deaths through innovation in service delivery and sharpened focus on pockets with the highest burden of mortality. We commit to accelerating the current pace of decline to ensure that India meets the Maternal Mortality Ratio target of less than 70 per 100,000 live births by 2030.

India reiterates its commitment to increased allocation towards expanding the basket of choices and ensuring universal and free access to family planning counseling, commodities and services through public health facilities.
India recognizes that improved health outcomes cannot be achieved unless we engage with adolescents, securing not only their wellbeing but also their holistic development. We will continue our pioneering work on adolescent health and development with renewed energy and focus, especially for adolescent girls ensuring that they survive, thrive and play a transformational role in the society.

India stands ready to boost its commitment, partner with other countries and, to showcase the power of new partnerships, innovations and systems to bring about sharper improvements in life-saving interventions, and move forward on our promise to end maternal and child deaths and provide opportunities for adolescents.