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Honorable Chairperson, Distinguished Delegates, Director General, I thank you for the opportunity to address you on behalf of IOGT International.

Our 134 Member Organizations from 56 countries worldwide welcome the updated ICD-11. We strongly support the inclusion of gaming and online gambling disorder into the 11th edition of the international classification of disease. And we note the wide-ranging support for the inclusion of gaming and online gambling disorder into ICD-11 by national and international professional organizations working in the field of prevention, diagnosis and treatment of mental health conditions.

The inclusion of these conditions into ICD-11 based on rigorous scientific analysis, is very timely and will allow for better and more evidence-based responses to these disorders, fostering Human Rights-based prevention and treatment and hopefully better support to all people in need.

We look forward to support the implementation of ICD-11 in our field of work.

I thank you for your attention.

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