



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

150TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

National Statement on Agenda Item 19.3: Sustainable Financing: Report of the Working Group

Thank you Chair

1. Kenya aligns her statement with that delivered by Ghana on behalf of the Member States of the WHO Africa Region.
2. Kenya recognises the paramount role played by WHO as **the** trusted partner of governments in their pursuit of promoting and protecting the health of their population.
3. We thank the Chair of the Working Group on Sustainable Financing as well as the entire Bureau for their leadership in guiding the work of the Working Group. We especially recognise the dedication of Ghana in their capacity as Vice Chair of the Working Group for his commitment in representing the priorities and interests of the WHO African region.
4. Kenya has been actively participating in the discussions at the Working Group on Sustainable Financing and fully supports calls to strengthen the independence, authority, and financing of WHO through predictable, equitable and sustainable financing, while reducing overreliance on voluntary contributions.
5. While acknowledging the great progress made in many areas of the work of the Working Group, Kenya regrets the inability of Member States to reach a consensus on the recommendations, particularly that proposing an increase in assessed contributions.
6. Kenya supports the call for increase in assessed contributions to be implemented in a phased approach and has already engaged in internal discussions with relevant Government agencies including the National Treasury

7. To give time for more consensus building, Kenya therefore supports the proposal to extend the term of the Working Group until May 2022, to allow for more time for further discussions on the recommendations with the hope of reaching consensus on the report to the 75th World Health Assembly in May, 2022.
8. We further recommend development of more specific TORs on analysing the current working group recommendations and coming up with a conclusive way forward.
9. Member States have been presented with an opportunity to improve the alignment, transparency, predictability, and flexibility of funding to WHO. We must therefore seize this moment and make bold actions to ensure that we leave no Member states behind.

I Thank you