

Statement of the Slovak Republic
150th Executive Board of WHO
Item: 3 Outcome of the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly

Chair,

75th World Health Assembly was dynamic, interactive, historical session with valuable discussions. What we should avoid for the future is the first historical voting on substantive items document. We need to work more on technical preparations and adjust the processes to avoid politization.

Slovakia aligns to the statement of the EU and its MS on the agenda item. We would like to make comment on draft decision on establishment of an agile Member States task group.

As small country, Slovakia understands that Global Health challenges are strongly influenced by challenges at national level. We echo our Danish colleague that highlighted differences among countries. In some countries, including our country, the GH budget is non-existent, except the ACs. This should change, if we want to build the GH architecture with real participation of Member States.

So we appreciate the new Task Group on strengthening WHO budgetary, programmatic and financing governance to analyse challenges in governance; open to all Member States. What we would recommend is that the work of the Task Group includes discussions, sharing on national challenges, to initiate mutual learning from good examples of national health financing, implementation and monitoring schemes; evidence and science-based.

Therefore, Slovakia calls for effort to make national GH schemes step by step more comparable, harmonized in order they could produce better results at national, regional and global level.

Thank you.