

***Statement of the Slovak Republic
150th Executive Board of WHO***

***Item: 5 Standing Committee on Health Emergency (Pandemic) Prevention, Preparedness
and Response***

Madam Chair,

Slovakia would like to thank Austria and especially Dr Clemens Martin Auer for his hard work on leadership and recognizing the need for global platform as Standing committee on *Health Emergency (Pandemic) Prevention, Preparedness and Response*.

The consensus on its creation will not only support the resolution of ongoing conflicts, emerging infections and other situations that are recognized to facilitate possible emergencies, but there is a strong need for appropriate consideration and consultation on guidance for health emergencies as well as to prevent secondary crises, pandemics of trauma. . and to improve weakened efforts to reach the goals of sustainable development and health for all, with no one left behind. We address the importance of such a committee by creating a functional, inclusive and science-based methodology of work. We stand ready to support this committee in addressing effective, accurate and proactive systematic preparedness, strategic, coordinated and evidence-based response by healthcare systems at all levels as part of the global architecture.

Thank you.