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### Bangladesh statement

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Thank you, Madam Chair.

We commend WHO for its life-saving services and operations in grade-3 humanitarian and protracted situation in various parts of the world.

In the context of complexity and inherent challenges in such services and operations, WHO need to be well-equipped with both human and financial resources to provide timely and equitable services to the countries passing through grade-3 health emergency situation. Alongside this, enforcement of the fundamental tenets of human rights and right to health for all would set the direction and pathways which could be realized through strong political commitment.

The global hotspots of humanitarian situation which are located in various coordinates of the world draw our attention where worrisome inequality and health inequity need to be overcome in comparison to the profile in other parts of the world. Except natural disasters, human-made issues require solidarity, will and commitment at political level for ending hostilities, humanitarian crisis and protracted situation.

In addition to the above, it would be essential to ensure availability of affordable health services and health products uncoupling the situation from political spectrum. This would help people in conflict areas and setting to address at least some of their need in their own capacity.

People are racing for basic survival support including food and medicine in conflict-stricken areas. One Health Approach in such settings would not be practicable approach until we see peace on the ground. Therefore, it would be exigent to exercise our courage and sincerity for peaceful solution of the conflicts.

I thank you, Chair.

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