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Statement Germany

TOP 12.1 – Strengthening WHO preparedness for and response to health emergencies. Strengthening the global architecture for health emergency preparedness, response and resilience

Dear colleagues,

Germany aligns itself with the statement delivered by Denmark on behalf of the European Union and its Member State.

First, we would like to thank the Secretariat for their lead in discussing the DG's ten proposals to build a safer world together. These proposals present an important framework to structure the ongoing debates. This helps us to not only uncover gaps, but also better understand the delimitations as well as the interactions between different mandates and topics in the current global health architecture. We highlight the need for constructive and collaborative approaches to counteract fragmentation and welcome WHO's role at the centre of global prevention, preparedness and response.

In full respect of the competences of other organisations, it is necessary to coordinate all available resources and that all stakeholders contribute with their comparative strengths. We also support a strong involvement of the other Quadripartite's organisations within, as also among others the UK mentioned earlier, a One Health approach.

We encourage WHO to further act as a convening power and to bringing together Member States and various actors for constructive discussions on our joint vision. In this regard, we would like to reiterate our firm conviction that WHO must be inclusive and must not leave any blind spots on the map.

We would like to underline again that we prefer a "take note of" the report at the WHA in May 2023 as we see the ten proposals as a living document. Germany supports that the Secretariat holds deep dive sessions on the topics identified by WHO to build a common vision in the upcoming months. Further, addressing other pathogens and the collateral damage of pandemics would strengthen the 10 proposals in its argumentation.

In conclusion, also Germany would like to again emphasize the importance of streamlining and combining forces, thereby avoiding duplication, creating synergies and increasing efficiency.