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**Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Government of India**

- **Agenda 20.1: Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2022–2023 and outlook on the financing of the Programme budget 2024–2025**
- **Agenda 20.2: Proposed programme budget 2024–2025**

(these sub-items will be taken together)

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Thank you Chair!

India acknowledges the critical role of evaluation of budget allocations amongst various programs and their utilization to ensure better prioritizing of available funds and their distribution.

Measures should be taken for a better clarity on agendas that would drive the next biennium plans as well as understanding of the expected outcomes and milestones to be achieved.

Chair,

India believes that the **comparison of heat maps across the two bienniums for outcomes under different strategic priorities may not be adequate**, as outcomes under each priority could change between the two bienniums; data may not be fully comparable, besides outcomes need to be unambiguously and clearly measurable to begin with.

India believes that **detailed and meaningful consultations** with member states to discuss strategic priorities and specific activities under various programs is critical instead of discussing only a broad framework with member states.

India recommends that **budgeting processes should be better linked with governance processes and in alignment with the regional and country priorities** which would enable Member States to have enhanced engagement.

There should be a **collaborative mechanism** wherein the actual projects and activities besides broad priorities alone, are decided in consultation with member states to ensure **value for money in WHO's expenditure** and to ensure that the projects are being done as per the member states priorities.

WHO should have an IT platform with access to member states with respect to the projects being undertaken and expenditure therein to ensure effective transparency in the functioning of the Organization.

Regular reviews preferably on a quarterly basis of the programs and their expenditure must be organized between the country office and member states to oversee the program implementation, which would enable member states to have enhanced engagement and oversight across the organization.

Chair,

India would further like to suggest:

- that there should be equitable allocation of the budget among all the strategic priorities at global, regional and national level.
- the priorities and deliverables should be defined very specifically as per country's contexts and should be defined at micro level.
- Develop detailed principles, thresholds and guidelines on earmarking of voluntary contributions.
- quarterly review meetings at global, regional and national level to ensure better coordination and clarity.

Thank you!