

Statement of the Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia
on
Agenda item12.1 Strengthening WHO preparedness for and response to health
emergencies
at
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Thank you Madame chair

We note the report by the secretariat on the 10 proposals to strengthen Health Emergency, Preparedness, Response and Resilience (HEPR).

We fully agree that a global architecture for HEPR must be built on a foundation of strong national capacities. Strengthening HEPR should be recognized as part of the broader effort towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and be central to reducing the human, social, and economic costs of health emergencies over the long term.

Indonesia is open to the ideas presented in the paper, as it is originated from member states discussion in various workstreams such as the WGPR and INB.

In this regard, as these issues have and are being discussed in various workstreams, we would suggest the secretariat to refrain from establishing another workstream to discuss the HEPR paper, to prevent overlap and prejudging of the outcome of member states discussion.

On the proposal by the WHO secretariat, to establish the High Council for Health Emergency, we would like to hear more on how it can ensure inclusiveness and agility as well as avoid further fragmentation.

On the other hand, the establishment of a Committee E should be further explored, as it could provide a solution not only to ensure inclusivity, but also provide better space for discussion on issue of Health Emergencies.

We also support for a more comprehensive access and benefit sharing derived from the sharing of pathogens.

As DG has said in his report, entering the 4th year of the pandemic, the world has achieved much, but is still lack in achieving a better equity for all.

It is our hope that the two-track mechanism, namely the INB and WGIHR process will enable a better and stronger HEPR that would provide better access that are equitable for all.

Thank you