



## **2. Report by the Director General**

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Honorable EB members

Ladies and gentlemen

I would like to express my pleasure for joining the 152nd governing body meeting of the WHO and I am pleased to convey our appreciation for the report of the Director General under this agenda item.

For the past few years, we have seen how health emergencies have hampered the work towards achieving the SDGs and the ambitious triple billion targets. The pandemic has also indicated the urgent need for solidarity and a global health system that is resilient and responsive.

We in the Sultanate of Oman value the work of the WHO and emphasize the importance of placing the WHO at the center of the global health architecture building on lessons gained from the pandemic.

Here, I would like to appeal to every one of us, member states as well as the secretariat to benefit from these lessons and to turn the huge challenges into greater opportunities. This is achieved through solidarity and partnership aiming at establishing strong health systems that exhibit justice, equality, affordability, and the advancement of health.

We also see the importance for the WHO to deliver results across its three-levels of the organization, with particular emphasis on the country level.

Our vision for the future has become clearer than before. The financial mechanism for our organization is growing more positively to be more sustainable. And the trust of people in WHO was never better than it is now.

**COUNTRY**

**STATEMENT**

**Oman**



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Sultanate of Oman



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What we need is just to proceed forwards.

Mr. DG, we have full trust in your wisdom and your leadership.

The Sultanate of Oman remains steadfast in its commitment to reinforce initiatives for the achievement of the Triple Billion targets, acknowledging the need to extend deadlines because progress towards the SDGs is not occurring fast enough and was even stalled in some areas.

Thanks Mr./Mrs. Chair