AGENDA ITEM #11.1: Proposed Programme Budget 2020-2021

KEY MESSAGES

Canada thanks the Secretariat for its work in developing the draft Proposed Programme Budget 2020-2021, which reflects Member States’ guidance and direction.

We are supportive of the increased emphasis on measurable impact and breaking down silos for a more integrated, systems-focused approach.

We welcome the innovative approach taken to strengthen the measurement of WHO outputs. We particularly welcome the integration of gender, equity and rights into the balanced score card approach. This will require additional core resources to operationalize.

In this regard, we fully align ourselves with the statement delivered by Mexico.

Like others, we place great value on WHO’s technical and normative functions. Canada trusts that the focus on country level impact will only strengthen the relevance and utility of the global public goods produced by this Organization. We also underscore that country level impact will require strengthening of country offices, including ensuring that the right staff with the right skill sets are in place.

Canada believes that the proposed increase to the budget is ambitious and that the increasing reliance on voluntary contributions is an institutional risk. While we welcome recent efforts to strengthen resource mobilization – including the investment case and the Partner’s Forum – we believe a formalized resource mobilization strategy is critical to help mitigate that risk. We would like to see such a strategy in advance of the January Executive Board.