

**Statement of I.R. Iran on
“Public Health Emergencies: Preparedness and response .
The Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health
Emergencies Programme”**

We appreciate the WHO secretariat for organizing this document. As rightly mentioned in the document, during a health emergency, especially a pandemic, the economic and political dimensions are beyond the WHO , and cooperation with partners is imperative, and the committee's concern regarding when the world would be better prepared for a new pandemic on the scale of Covid-19 in the future is very sound and logical.

Strengthening the capacity of member states especially developing countries requires long-term efforts, and until then, **upon request of the involved Member States**, they rely on the support of the WHO.

Madam Chairperson, thank you for this opportunity.

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