



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

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Agenda 22.2 Matters emanating from the Working Group on Sustainable Financing

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

- Provide guidance regarding the following question: With respect to implementation of the Secretariat implementation plan on reform, what strategies should be employed to mitigate risks associated with limited human and financial capacity?
- To consider the report on and the draft decision to adopt a WHO Replenishment Mechanism as part of the work to improve the sustainable financing of the WHO, and to urge Member States and partners to participate actively in the first WHO investment round. The decision includes asking the Director General to develop, in consultation with Member States, and including regional consultations, the draft Fourteenth General Programme of Work (GPW 14) 2025–2028 with the aim of replacing the GPW 13 2019–2025 one year early; to develop the target funding envelope and roadmap for the first WHO investment round, and to convene an annual WHO investors' forum to discuss GPW14.

Thank you, Chair.

The implementation plan on reforms strongly aligns with the Member States' propositions in the Working Group on Sustainable Financing and the Agile Member States Task Group. The Philippines commends the Secretariat for the excellent work on the Member State portal, including the dashboards, which is a manifestation of the Secretariat's sincere commitment to the needed reforms raised by Member States. These innovation, will foster stronger Member States-Secretariat relationships at all levels, thereby ensuring a steady momentum towards WHO reforms.

On managing risks related to limited human and financial capacity, we underscore that emphasizing culture management and risk management as complementary will bolster collective accountability within the organization. It is an opportune time to update rules and procedures, especially at regional levels, in order to incorporate the new wisdom gained from unprecedented events, ensure that management can detect and respond to risks threatening the organization's performance, and prevent disruption of important functions of the Secretariat. We look forward to the Risk Appetite Framework, which will be the foundation of the WHO's new risk strategy.

For the Philippines, the updated Country Cooperation Strategy Guide is crucial. Our CCS 2017-2022 has ended and we look forward to a robust collaborative planning with the Country Office to craft a new cooperation strategy that is tailored to the country's context and needs, while ensuring a wider partnership environment beyond the health sector. The updated guide should serve as a tool to mitigate risks related to resources by ensuring high impact at the country-level.

Finally, the Philippines, supports the decision to adopt a replenishment mechanism to improve sustainable financing of WHO with a firm commitment to actively engage in the first WHO investment round processes towards building the financing envelope of the Fourteenth General Programme of Work. The delegation also takes this opportunity to convey the country's commitment to continue being a donor for the WHO Contingency Fund for Emergencies, as one of the complementary financing mechanisms. Thank you.

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