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Initial Evaluation of the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors

1. **Chairperson**, Tanzania is honoured to take the floor on behalf of the 47 member states of the Africa Region on this agenda item
2. We commend the Secretariat for this report on the initial evaluation of the implementation of the FENSA.
3. We appreciate a thorough analysis of the progress of implementation to date, and the complexity surrounding its implementation to the fullest, but also appreciate progress that has been made, although sub-optimal.
4. **Chairperson**, the Africa region, has high regard on the FENSA and its operationalization given the fact that in the region, implementation of many of health interventions is done in partnerships with NSA.
5. We take note of the fact that the suboptimal progress has also been due to lack of an overarching engagement strategy, with factors such as lack of a comprehensive, actionable strategy and associated implementation plan as well as lack of an effective communication and information dissemination plan, as well as inadequate resources geared to its implementation.
6. **Chairperson**, while we recognize this might be due to many factors including the on-going reforms and alignment processes within the WHO, which might hinder adequate attention to FENSA implementation, we request the Secretariat to take on board urgently the recommendations made in the report.
7. We would like to see mechanisms put in place for engagement across all WHO levels, NSA, as well as the member states, so that all actors are involved in ensuring smooth implementation of the framework. This will ensure all partners strive together to implement and promote the framework.
8. We further request speeding-up of documentation and tracking of all engagements with NSA to ensure accountability and ongoing learning and improvement.

9. We further request that frequent updates be provided through PBAC and EB meetings on FENSA implementation.

10. **Chairperson**, the region looks forward towards Management’s response on the recommendations raised.

11. We note the report, and we **thank you**.