



**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA**  
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Dear Chair,

1. Pursuant to the outcome on countries being prepared for health emergencies and in view of Member States reiterated support for the International Health Regulations (IHR) 2005 as a key component of the global health architecture, it is important to incentivize compliance among them in the context of reporting public health risks and threats. Constantly, the affected Member State are reluctant to openly share information for fear of disproportionate responses by the others. Time and again, situations occurring globally throughout the on-going COVID-19 pandemic visualize the lack of rewarding structures under the IHR (2005). Emphasizing upon this critical element would overcome the shortcomings identified particularly around early warning

systems, coordinating the prompt response and information sharing.

2. In addition, we would like to express concern over the multiple seemingly overlapping and duplicative initiatives – e.g. BioHub and GISRS+ related to the sharing of biological materials. Besides, there needs to be an intergovernmental process among Member States to discuss about these different WHO initiatives. By doing so, it will avoid the possibility of delivering conflicting or contradictory task among them due to the differences in their priorities. Especially when those initiatives should be complementary in nature, not replacing or repeating one another.
3. The proposal for establishment of a Standing Committee of Pandemic and Emergency Preparedness and Response (SCPPR) that comprises of selected members of the WHO Executive Board and their impact on the existing health emergency governance will have to be pondered. Therefore, we would like to seek clarification about the relationship on one hand the Standing Committee and on the other hand various committees (i.e. Emergency and Review Committees) already existing under the IHR. We are concern that this could result in conflict between the scientific advice and actual policies of the WHO.

Thank you.