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The Philippines welcomes the adoption by the intergovernmental negotiating body of working methods that embody the principles of inclusiveness and transparency and efficiency of timelines. Throughout the pandemic, the Philippines has strived to embody such principles through its interagency bodies, committees, and working groups. It is critical that a global body aimed at strengthening pandemic prevention, preparedness and response does the same.

Continued commitment to evidence-informed instrument development is likewise critical. The Philippines stands firm in its commitment toward evidence-informed policy development, and commits to leading by example and advocating for the same across sectors. We target technical areas for legislation and financing, including proposed laws on the establishment of a national Center for Disease Control and the National Health Security Act.

We would also like to underscore the cruciality of mechanisms to accelerate progress towards achievement of SDGs on “early warning, risk reduction, and management of national and global health risks,” which also correlates well with core capacity building based on IHR.

The aim to achieve coherence and complementarity of the targeted instrument with the ongoing work under resolution WHA 74.7, and specifically with regard to the further implementation and strengthening of the International Health Regulations, is noteworthy. We acknowledge that coherent and complementary efforts are needed to achieve more effective pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response as whole - whether this be at the global, regional, national, or subnational levels.

Thank you, Chair