



152nd Session of the Executive Board, WHO

Bangladesh statement

12.1: Strengthening WHO Preparedness for and Response to Health Emergencies

Date: **30 January 2022**

Thank you, Madam Chair.

2. We thank the Director General for his ten proposals. His proposals for overhauling the global health architecture is timely. We join other Member states that the proposals on formation of Global Health Emergency Council and Committee-E require further discussion at Member State level.

3. In the discussions in WGPR, INB and WGIHR, the developing countries were loud and clear on their expectations centering around health emergency prevention, preparedness and response. But we are yet to hear any robust commitment from any quarter on how those expectations will be addressed. We take note that measures on how to operationalize much-spoken equity are missing and need to be reflected in DG's proposals.

4. We attach priority on investment in health promotion and primary health care from both domestic and international sources to eliminate health inequity and its root causes within and among the countries. Diversion of essential health service-related resources at country level to implement health security measures would cost the pace of progress in achieving the SDGs of Agenda-2030.

5. Issues related to the pandemic treaty and amendment of IHR (2005) should be discussed and decided by the INB and WGIHR. It would be essential to maintain overarching priority of public health over commercial interests while expanding WHO's partnerships and networks.



6. Prior to conclude, we would suggest that funds from International Financial Institutions should be non-debt generating and additional to the financial mechanism called for by developing countries in INB and WGIHR.

I thank you, Chair.

Net wordcount: 251 Time: 2 minutes