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Thank you, Madam Chair.

Our pursuit for a stronger WHO in the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic has been robust. Up till now, we are advancing well which need to be upheld in our coming engagements in reform matters particularly on governance and financing.

While AC increase adds up with the core budget programme, the increased predictable budget should take into account diverse need and priorities at country level in the pursuit of achieving health equity within and among the countries. Focus on increasing WHO's efficiency and transparency in program implementation should be upheld.

Bangladesh appreciates flexibility in financing core budget program. We take this opportunity to thank Norway for its announcement on exercising flexibility partially in their voluntary contribution to WHO. We hope - this would be encouraging for other Member States and donors to follow suit and thus join in enabling WHO to grow stronger in independence.

On staffing, we are of the view that while long term employees would contribute effectively to WHO, a balanced geographical representation of the employees in WHO would have the potential to address coordinate-based challenges in a more pragmatic manner.

I thank you.
