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### **Bangladesh statement** **Item 20.3: General Program of Work and** **20.5: Article 7 on the amendment**

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Thank you, Madam Chair.

We appreciate that the objective of extending the GPW 13 is to strengthen country capacity and to accelerate progress towards the achievement of the triple billion targets and health-related Sustainable Development Goals.

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), climate change and political crises in some parts of the world have hit the health sectors which are rightly pointed out in the report. Naturally, there are disproportionate impact of these issues on the Member States and require equity-based support at country level to address the challenges emanating from them.

We would appreciate evaluation of the impact of WHO's five priorities on the triple billion targets and strategic functions.

On Article 7 on suspending voting rights, Bangladesh prefers Option A and in case of divergence among the Member States, the matter may be further discussed as recommended by the PBAC meeting.

I thank you.

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