



**Statement from the Representative of the Republic of Mozambique at the
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Strengthening WHO preparedness for and
response to health emergencies
Strengthening the global architecture for health
emergency preparedness, response and resilience

Thank you, Madame chair,

Mozambique is aligned with the statement delivered by Ethiopia on behalf of the 47 African Countries.

Mozambique commends the Director General for this very comprehensive and informative report and achievements reached so far on strengthening WHO preparedness and response to health emergencies. Furthermore for the possibilities outlined to strengthen the capabilities of the poorly resourced members states for better preparedness, response and resilience to health emergency.

Mozambique congratulates the Director General for considering in this process, lessons learned and challenges in responding adequately to the COVID19 pandemic as opportunities to build a better world through better preparedness and response to health emergencies and high standard of health care through amendments on IHR and legally binding instrument as envisaged in INB among others instruments.

Furthermore, Mozambique would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for the valuable support that WHO provides to Mozambique to better prepare and respond to the health emergencies such as , poliomyelitis , cholera , measles just to mention some, which hamper health systems efforts to recover from COVID19 pandemic. (

For better understanding we would like to suggest more African members states involved on the process of development and implementation of Health Emergency Fund mechanism

For emergence preparedness and response we consider human resources shortage in general but particularly for emergency as an important challenge because the limited fiscal space in main poor member states doesn't allow new recruitments. In some members states there is a considerable number of new trained health professionals from different disciplines which cannot be recruited. We believe that through WHO governing bodies we can conducted a fruitful discussion with global financial institutions.

To conclude we look forward to working with WHO and other members states on the 10 proposals outlined towards strengthen global health architectures on preparedness and response to health emergency.

Thank you