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Pillar 2: One billion more people better protected from health emergencies Agenda Item 12.1 – Strengthening the global architecture for health emergency preparedness, response and resilience

Madam/ Mr. President/ Director General and Distinguished guests,

Ekamowir Omo!

The Republic of Nauru acknowledges the extensive work undertaken by WHO and the working group in strengthening the global architecture for health emergency preparedness, response and resilience.

Today, in Nauru, the ongoing efforts with our partners and completion of several infrastructure and systems improvement projects, has enabled an environment to contain and manage the virus since it has hit our shores last year. However, much work remains to be done including workforce strengthening, facility upgrades and the stock up of essential resources for our island to adequately prepare and respond to future pandemics and public health emergencies.

Madam/ Mr President, the development of a new framework is a welcomed step in addressing the inherent gaps in the current HEPR. As the Director General mentioned in his proposals, the framework are designed to complement, strengthen and promote collaboration among all states, institutions and mechanisms to build stronger and more resilient networks of global health partners to effectively respond to future pandemics and health emergencies.

However, continuing to omit countries like the Republic of China (Taiwan) creates a gap that undermines global preparedness and response to health emergencies. The future pandemics and health emergencies won't have any boundaries. It is therefore the time and imperative that all stakeholders including the Republic of China Taiwan be included in WHO's work programs as equity and inclusivity are keys to effective health emergency preparedness,

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response and resilience. By embracing a holistic approach, we must ensure that “no one is left behind” and remind ourselves that “no one is safe, until everyone is safe”.

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