



12. Public health emergencies: preparedness and response

12.1 Strengthening the global architecture for health emergency preparedness, response and resilience

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Ladies and gentlemen

The Sultanate of Oman notes the report on public health emergencies: preparedness and response reflecting the WHO's work in health emergencies. We at the Sultanate review the five-year national strategic action plans for all sectors to ensure that they meet the Oman Vision 2040. Besides that, the strategic action plans for the relevant sectors with Human Health are reviewed through different national committees to meet the recommendations of the joint external assessment of the basic capabilities of the International Health Regulations. These strategic action plans aim to accelerate national health security and work jointly with all sectors within the "One Health" system, including human health, animal health, environment and food and water safety.

The Sultanate of Oman would like to stress to the World Health Organization and the international community the importance of the global partnership for exchanging information regarding public health emergencies, the exchange of epidemiological information and diagnostic capabilities, as well as sharing samples for genetic sequencing studies and vaccines. We also stress the need for equitable provision of vaccines to low- and middle-income countries.

We would like to also state that we support the World Health Organization's "Ten Proposals to Build a Safer World Together", which builds on more than 300 recommendations from



the various independent reviews of the global response to COVID-19, and reports on the previous outbreak and considers the views of us as the Member States, as well as ongoing multilateral consultation processes.

We call on the WHO secretariat to establish a clear framework for Member statements engagement in the ongoing discussions along with allocated resources. The clear framework should prioritize the country's sovereignty while protecting the world from potential harm.

The Sultanate of Oman appreciates the efforts made and tireless work by the World Health Organization, led by Director-General in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the work to strengthen the global architecture for health emergency preparedness, response and resilience.

We affirm our commitment to working collectively through coordinated global efforts. Ensuring vaccinations for all, saving lives, and refining the global health security architecture. Throughout the pandemic, it has remained true that no one country acting alone can stop a pandemic. The greatest successes in combatting COVID-19 have occurred when countries have acted together.

Thanks Mr./Mrs. Chair