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<b>Agenda</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>Strengthening the global architecture for health emergency preparedness, response and resilience</b>
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Thank you, Chair.

The Philippines supports the establishment of a Heads of States-led Global Emergency Council. The highest-level political buy-in of processes to strengthen global HEPR architecture is necessary to ensure strong whole-of-government and whole-of-society actions to support operational readiness of the intersectoral HEPR core systems<sup>1</sup>.

We underscore that the convention, agreement or international instrument for pandemic preparedness, prevention and response and recovery of health systems being negotiated and drafted by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body and the amendments to the IHR (2005) should provide strong provisions governing mechanisms of transparent and timely sharing of epidemiological and genomic data across State Parties in order to achieve real collaborative surveillance. Also, safe and scalable care will only be realized if migrants, refugees, stateless populations and other marginalized groups are not left behind in the implementation of universal health coverage

The Philippines provides the following suggestions:

1. For the Secretariat to take a more pro-active role in terms of promoting and explaining the Universal Health and Preparedness Review processes to encourage Member States participation;
2. To strengthen the health emergency workforce, the Secretariat and Member States must emphasize the WHO Global Code of Practice on International Recruitment of Health Personnel to underscore the need to support countries in strengthening sustainable supply of Human Resources for Health for their respective domestic needs; and
3. Finally, the Secretariat may wish to facilitate WHO Member State collaboration in the preparations for the UN General Assembly High Level Meeting on Pandemic Preparedness, Prevention and Response in terms of highlighting the ten proposals for HEPR.

Thank you.

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<sup>1</sup> collaborative surveillance; community protection; safe and scalable care; access to countermeasures; and emergency coordination