

The Republic of Korea agrees with the 10 key Member-State-led proposals that have been proposed by the Director-General. We look forward to Member States' more active participation in the INB and the WGIHR.

We agree in principle on the need to establish a Global Health Emergency Council, which is a high-level body comprising Heads of State and other international leaders for whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches. However, there is a need to further review the Council's agenda items and how it is operated. As proposed, it is necessary to link the Council with the Standing Committee of the Executive Board. We look forward to concrete and in-depth discussions on the role of the Council and the way it is operated.

In addition, a new main committee of the Health Assembly on Emergencies, "Committee E," should play distinct roles from the existing committees on public health emergencies. Particularly, in the case of holding several committees concurrently, it would make it difficult for some countries to fully engage in discussions. Thus, their conditions and circumstances need to be considered.

For systems, the health emergency workforces and the ability to prepare for and respond to public health emergencies need to be strengthened. In that respect, the Republic of Korea would like to

suggest that WHO perform a coordinating role to strengthen the health workforce in public health emergency preparedness and response, operate the workforce networks, and manage bilateral and multilateral cooperative projects.

To expand the role of WHO in the global architecture of HEPR, the establishment of international norms and standards as well as evidence-based policies and guidelines in the case of a public health emergency is vital. During a public health emergency, the WHO Secretariat also needs to play a leading role in producing guidelines for necessary measures suited to each region's risk level.