

## **Global Fund statement at INB9 Plenary**

**Thank you Chair**

**Distinguished delegates**

**Over the next three years, the Global Fund is increasing investments in systems for health: we are investing US\$6 billion between 2024-2026 to support countries in strengthening health systems and PPPR capacities.**

**The Global Fund stands ready to draw upon our expertise and scale to implement the WHO Pandemic Agreement and support low- and middle-income countries to prepare for future pathogens by investing in their infectious disease responses and PPPR capacities today.**

**The Global Fund welcomes the proposal in Article 20 of a Coordinating Financial Mechanism and are ready to engage with and contribute to such a mechanism.**

**We strongly recommend the proposed governance of the Coordinating Financial Mechanism, including its Governing Board, to include a clear membership role for specialized agencies financing health and PPPR, such as the Global Fund and Gavi, and a clearly defined role for civil society and communities.**

**The Global Fund urges caution against a new pooled fund with a broad mandate on PPPR. We recommend the Mechanism to leverage existing financing mechanisms already investing in PPPR, and to mainly focus on gaps and on surge financing for pandemic responses when other resources are not accessible through existing financing instruments.**

**In addition, the Global Fund calls Member States to consider leveraging new financial resources to avoid undermining existing and future funding for immediate life-saving needs, and other domestic public health priorities and progressive realization of universal health coverage.**

**To conclude, we stand ready to continue to engage in the process, and call for the meaningful engagement of all stakeholders, including civil society partners, in the negotiation process and operationalization of the Pandemic Agreement.**

**In last mile of the negotiations, we invite all Member States to keep health equity at the center of the Pandemic Agreement. Health equity is not only the right choice, but it is also the safest – in fact, the only – way to protect all of us from future pandemics.**

**Thank you**