Statement on behalf of the Republic of Moldova

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Distinguished members of the Board, I appreciate the opportunity to address this critical matter concerning the alignment of evaluations with expected impacts to ensure measurable progress toward the health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in countries.

As we recognize the constraints that the WHO faces in conducting impact evaluations—particularly given its collaboration with governments and various partners—it is crucial to explore how the Secretariat can enhance its evaluation functions to achieve significant, tangible outcomes.

We acknowledge that the nature of WHO's work, which often involves indirect implementation through governments and partners, presents challenges in directly attributing impacts to WHO initiatives.

This complexity, however, should not deter us from striving for greater accountability and results-oriented approaches in line with best available evaluation practices.

A robust evaluation function is imperative for WHO to achieve the objectives outlined in the draft Fourteenth General Programme of Work, 2025–2028. By focusing on results, enhancing accountability, and leveraging the capabilities of 3 levels of WHO we can ensure that our interventions are effective and that we are accountable to the beneficiaries we serve.

Let us commit to these principles as we move forward in our collective mission to achieve better health outcomes globally.

I thank you for your attention.