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Agenda 23.2 : Proposed Programme budget 2026–2027

Thank you Chair,

Maldives appreciates the detailed report by secretariate on this agenda and values the approach applied by WHO in the development of proposed Programme Budget 2026 – 2027.

We believe that initiating the prioritization process at country level will ensure maximum alignment with country situations and priorities. The proposed program budget for 2026-2027 is a crucial step toward achieving the goals of the 14th General Program of Work. It reflects a shared commitment to strengthening health systems, advancing health equity, and addressing the escalating threat of climate change.

The emphasis on country-level technical capacity strengthening, enhanced accountability, and global technical centers is commendable. We appreciate the Secretariat's efforts to refine the results framework and identify baselines and targets for output and outcome indicators. We also recognize the importance of making WHO financing more sustainable and support the proposed assessed contribution increase for PB 2026-2027.

We urge Member States to continue working with the Secretariat to finalize the results framework and ensure that the program budget is aligned with the priorities of GPW14. We also encourage Member States to discuss the critical issue of sustainable financing and support the proposed assessed contribution increase.

The challenges confronting global health are complex and evolving.

The proposed program budget for 2026-2027 is a critical step toward achieving our shared goals. We are confident that, working together, we can make a lasting impact on global health.

Thank you