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Maldives appreciates the efforts of the working group and welcomes the progress made under this agenda item.

Change is a constant. Our ability to evolve and adapt defines our strength and ultimately, our outcomes.

As noted by member states, WHO governing reforms envision efficiency gains, and sustainable financing reforms are essential for optimal results. Finding the appropriate balance between these two elements is particularly crucial for small states like Maldives. A realistic budget, one that reflects the realities we face, is a fundamental starting point.

For nations with limited resources, exploring avenues to increase accessed contributions is vital to ensure the long-term financial health of the organization. However, financial sustainability alone does not guarantee effectiveness. Equity in decision-making must be at the heart of governance reform. Central to our discussions must be the question of participation. How do we ensure broad and meaningful engagement, especially from small delegations like Maldives, who often face significant resource and capacity constraints?

Governance structures must foster inclusivity, ensuring that all voices—regardless of financial contribution or delegation size carry weight in shaping global health priorities. This is directly linked to our need to prioritize in an agile manner, adapting to evolving circumstances and focusing on the most pressing issues. We must carefully consider current outcomes and use them to inform our decision-making.

Another key area for improvement lies in resolution management. As highlighted by many Member States, we must address the challenges of Member State



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participation, the often-ineffective costing of resolutions, and the identification of resolutions that do not mandate concrete work. Maldives concurs with the need for resolutions to require coordination, alignment with the GPW14, and transparency. Furthermore, it is vital to identify the underlying reasons for proposing resolutions and to work towards an accountable mechanism for their implementation. We appreciate the efforts of the working group thus far and share its desire to maintain momentum.

Finally, as we move forward, it is imperative that we link these discussions with the ongoing budget discussions to ensure a coherent and sustainable approach.

Thank you.