

Item 23 .1 Financing and Implementation of the Programme Budget 2024 – 2025

Singapore's Written Statement

Singapore has announced our contribution of S\$24 million to the WHO 2025/28 Investment Round. This is testament to Singapore's continued commitment to international cooperation in health, and multilateral coordination in tackling global health challenges.

2 Singapore's contribution will support the WHO's 14th General Programme of Work over the next four years from 2025 to 2028. We recognise that WHO has made a targeted, forward-looking call with the aim of securing predictable and sustainable funding for its work.

3 On the impetus to support sustainable financing of the WHO, President Tharman Shanmugaratnam, who was also the former Co-Chair of the G20 High Level Independent Panel on Financing the Global Commons for Pandemic Preparedness and Response, said "A well-resourced and well-functioning WHO is critical to global health security. Strengthening multilateral cooperation in health, with the WHO at the center, not only unites us as humans but also serves each of our nation's interests. Quite apart from the moral and epidemiological imperatives, it is the financially prudent and responsible thing to do for each of our nations, rich or poor."

4 Singapore will prioritise our contribution specifically on improving protection from health emergencies. This means that our contribution will go towards building capacities, especially amongst developing countries, to prepare for, prevent, detect, and respond to health emergencies.

5 We remain committed to working alongside the WHO and other Member States to achieve our common goal of a healthier, safer world. It is our hope that this collective endeavor will lead to a more prepared and responsive international system, capable of protecting all nations from the threat of future health emergencies.