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Bulgaria aligns with the statement delivered by the EU and its Member States.

We support the Secretariat's efforts to ensure sustainable financing so that WHO can perform its core functions in global health in the changed financial and geopolitical reality. Yet, the expenditure of funds must be justified based on realistic needs and analysis of financial shortages, with due transparency, accountability, and appropriate monitoring of financial management.

Bulgaria also considers that the ongoing prioritization process within the organization, should be needs – and - result-oriented, avoiding overlap of commitments and parallel structures with other international organizations, esp. with view of UN80 reform and given the limited financial resources.

*On the guiding questions:*

1. We support an approach of greater flexibility in voluntary contributions and more strategic targeting of funds towards chronically underfunded outcomes.
2. The proposed 2026-2027 budget should allow for better prioritization in line with needs and resources, greater transparency and accountability for their use, as well as an outcome assessment of the actions taken. Targeting a more equitable allocation of resources across outcomes, stronger monitoring and accountability for the funds spent could bring for financial sustainability.
3. It is extremely important to exercise strict discipline in proposing and drafting of new resolutions, based on the criteria already reported by DG, including financial implications for the implementation of the resolution. We call Member States to strictly adhere to the proposed criteria in order to fit in WHO realistic budget and implementation capacity.