

DPR Korea Statement

WHO DG Report

Thank your chair,

DPR Korea acknowledges the report of DG and appreciates WHO's active efforts in achieving significant successes for providing, protecting and promoting the health of people globally, and supporting health programmes in Member States over the past year.

Financial landscape remains constrained with the complexity of health environment including the geopolitical instability due to conflicts, climate change and emerging diseases.

However, WHO has demonstrated an outstanding leadership and made a progress, aimed at the country-focused and prioritized cooperation along with GPW14.

Particularly, the adoption of Pandemic Agreement last year marked a historic turn in improving the global health environment in a better and more equitable way leading to an efficient response to the future pandemic.

In DPR Korea newly built Pyongyang General Hospital, as a center of medical service and research, started its operation since November last year.

According to the Government's Regional Development Policy, 3 county hospitals have been newly built in a modern way and it will be expanded to all cities and counties in coming 10 years.

We conducted catch up campaign nationwide in a short period in close cooperation with WHO and Gavi and recovered the immunization coverage decreased during the COVID-19.

DPR Korea believes WHO to further demonstrate its leadership and commitment in implementing GPW14 and programme budget 2026-27, with focus on the health priorities and needs of the Member States.

Thank you.