

DPR Korea statement
Report of the SCHEPPR

Thank you chair

DPR Korea thanks to the report on 7th meeting submitted by SCHEPPR.

We commend WHO responded to 40 graded emergencies globally from Jan to Jun 2025.

SHEPPR reviewed preparedness, prevention and response to health emergencies and provided advice and oversight to the EB.

In the context of global financial challenges, we highlight it is critical to optimize their national preparedness and response arrangements and improve cross-sectoral sharing of resources, and leverage partnership with other organizations.

We recommend secretariat to identify sustainable models for emergency response to overcome key challenges like an inadequate flexible predictable funding as overseas development assistance declines.

Since Polio remains a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, eradication efforts must be prioritized due to risks of international spread and financial sustainability challenges.

HERP framework is essential for aligning member state obligations under IHR, WHO pandemic agreement, and avoiding duplication of initiatives.

And we also suggest to strength the surveillance laboratory systems to be comprehensively supported.

Weakening one area is compromise overall emergency response capacity.

We encourage WHO to further strengthen the committee as the global health emergencies are becoming more frequent, complex due to geopolitical instability, conflict, inequities, funding gaps, climate change and emerging diseases, and stronger international cooperation is required.

Thank you.