

DPR Korea statement

8. Immunization Agenda 2030

Thank you chair.

DPR Korea appreciates **that** WHO conducted the monitoring on the progress of implementing the immunization Agenda 2030 and its mid-term review.

This review proved that our efforts for enhancing the immunization averted 4million deaths annually between 2021 and 2024 and the world proactively responded to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In DPR Korea, the improvement of immunization work is set as one of priorities for disease prevention and life-saving, and the catch-up campaign including Penta, MR targeting drop-outs cases due to COVID-19 completed last year, rendering a success with full recovery of routine immunization system.

We have further fortified the national anti-epidemic mechanism alongside prevention and surveillance against abnormal symptom cases/ like AFP(acute flaccid paralysis) and rash diseases, resulting in no single case of VPDs.

We will steadily carry on crucial activities including introduction of new vaccines, improvement of vaccine storage and management, **enhancement of** vaccine safety and effectiveness, strengthen of digital system for immunization, domestic manufacturing of vaccines, capacity building of EPI staff.

The present immunization trend in globe requires the WHO to further strengthen the advocacy and cooperation among MS and partners/ **in line with its intrinsic mandate.**

The WHO needs to further consolidate the scientific basis to tackle the increasing misconceptions on vaccination and actively cooperate with all MS for integrating the vaccination into their system of PHC and UHC.

We also suggest WHO, drawing upon the experiences and lessons learned over the past 5 years, might hold the stance of "beginning another new

journey from this moment" so as to more proactively conduct the advocacy and cooperation initiatives /towards three focused immunization agenda 2030 targets.

Thank you.