

158th Session of WHO Executive Board Meeting

2nd to 7th February 2026, Geneva



**Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Government of India**

Intervention by India

Agenda Item 5: Report of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (SCHEPPR)

(Word Count: 137)

Thank you chair,

India strongly supports the continuity of SCHEPPR. With the frequent and complex health emergencies, SCHEPPR's institutional memory, predictability, and sustained engagement with Member States are crucial. This ensures that lessons learned translate into system-wide improvements in preparedness, response, and resilience.

With the establishment of new instruments, such as the WHO Pandemic Agreement, the 2024 amendments to the International Health Regulations and the Health Emergencies Programme (WHE), India emphasizes the necessity of ensuring that the roles and mandates of each instrument remain well defined and clearly delineated.

Chair

India stresses the imperative of ensuring complementarity rather than duplication within the evolving governance framework.

We recommend that the role of SCHEPPR be preserved as a complementary oversight and advisory mechanism, entrusted with providing strategic guidance and promoting coherence across the global health governance framework.

Thank you!