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16. WHO's work in health emergencies
Déclaration orale de la délégation suisse

Thank you Chair

Switzerland thanks the Director-General for the reports.

We commend WHO's commitment in increasingly complex crises. However, we remain concerned regarding the financial situation of the **Health Emergencies Programme**. These constraints risk affecting rapid response when needs are rising. Sustainable financing remains indispensable.

We would like to seek further clarity on **WHO's cluster lead** role for the health sector, given limited resources and the ongoing Humanitarian Reset: How does WHO prioritize coordination and ensure effective collaboration?

We express **concern over continued attacks against health facilities and personnel**, which compromise access to care. Switzerland emphasizes that **international humanitarian law must be respected, in all circumstances**. We support WHO's crucial work documenting such violations and advocating for preventive measures.

Regarding the **Global Health and Peace Initiative**, we welcome the tangible progress achieved since resolution WHA77.9. We commend WHO's ability to translate an ambitious conceptual framework into concrete actions through knowledge production, regional and country office engagement, and pilot interventions in fragile and conflict contexts. An integrated approach is particularly relevant in a global context marked by multiplying crises and increasing pressure on health systems.

We reaffirm our full **support for this Initiative**, which recognizes the fundamental role of health as a vector for social cohesion, trust, and sustainable peace. We **support prioritizing capacity-building and developing strategic partnerships with UN agencies**, regional organizations, civil society, and academia to maximize impact. Predictable and sustained financing is essential to maintain and build on these achievements.

Thank you.