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Agenda item 3: Outcome of the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly

Statement by the State of Kuwait

At the outset, we extend our sincere congratulations to you, chair, on your assumption of this important responsibility. We are confident that, under your leadership and guidance, the work of this board will continue in a constructive, inclusive, and forward-looking manner.

You may count on our support and cooperation.

We also wish to convey our deep appreciation to the outgoing chair Mr. Blair Comley for your dedication, wisdom, and steady leadership demonstrated throughout the previous term.

Mr. chair,

We would also like to acknowledge with appreciation the distinguished service of HE Dr. Hanan Al Kuwari and the state of Qatar, the outgoing Executive Board member representing our region, Dr. AlKuwari's commitment and constructive engagement have contributed positively to the work of the Board and to advancing regional and global health priorities especially During Her role as EB chair in 2023.

Kuwait commends the Secretariat, under the leadership of the Director-General, and all WHO staff for the successful convening of the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly.

Despite the operational and logistical challenges encountered this year, including those associated with hosting the Assembly at a single venue, the Secretariat ensured an efficient, well-organized and inclusive process that enabled Member States to engage meaningfully across the agenda.



Dear colleagues,

We welcome the outcomes of the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly, including the resolutions and decisions adopted by Member States across a broad range of priorities.

These outcomes reaffirm the continued importance of multilateral cooperation, solidarity, and dialogue in addressing increasingly complex and interconnected health challenges.

In this regard, we also recognize that discussions touching upon situations of conflict, humanitarian emergencies, and crises may at times generate differing perspectives regarding their consideration within health fora.

Nevertheless, it is important to underline that such situations often carry profound implications for public health, including disruption of health systems, attacks on health facilities and infrastructure, displacement of populations, interruption of access to medicines and essential services, and increased risks of disease outbreaks and long-term societal impacts.

Moreover, the consequences of these crises are rarely confined within national borders, and increasingly present broader regional and global public health implications that warrant collective attention and cooperation.

From this perspective, Kuwait believes that the World Health Organization, consistent with its constitutional mandate and technical responsibilities, remains an important platform for Member States to exchange views, promote dialogue, and address the public health dimensions and consequences associated with such challenges in a balanced, constructive, and evidence-based manner.

Thank you, chair.