

**STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
ON
AGENDA ITEM 14. INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATION (2005)
OF THE SEVENTY THIRD WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY (RESUMED SESSION)
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Thank you Chair.

Indonesia would like to thank the Secretariat for the development of the report under this Agenda Item.

We would like to commend the activities that has been conducted by the secretariat and other relevant stakeholders to ensure the implementation of the international Health Regulation 2005.

We took note and are encouraged to see the rising number of countries submitting IHR Country report as well as the works of the IHR Committee for the Ebola, Polio and other outbreaks.

We note with appreciation the finding on the overall average scores of the 13 IHR core capacities, which suggest that almost all STATES PARTIES are performing better in key capacities such as surveillance, laboratory capacity, coordination and the functioning of National IHR Focal Points. This improvement will surely be beneficial in our common effort to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chair,

Indonesia also would like to thank the Secretariat for giving Indonesia the opportunity to share our experience in conducting the Intra Action Review of the COVID-19 Response, as per recommendation of the Emergency Committee of the IHR (2005).

As was highlighted in the report and mentioned by our Minister of Health, Dr. Terawan Agus Putranto, during last week's IAR Press Conference, Indonesia is of the view that Intra-Action Review is one of the best practices to identify gaps and possible corrective actions in the COVID-19 response of a country.

This identification, in turn, has helped us in finetuning our health policies to better mitigate the pandemic through a multisectoral approach.

In this opportunity, Indonesia would like to invite fellow member states to also conduct the IAR, in the context of taking stock of existing initiatives to support the implementation of the Regulations and to continue strengthening and maintaining the capacities of health systems.

Furthermore, during the WHO Executive Board Special Session in October 2020, Indonesia has suggested to explore the possibility of conducting a country-to-country peer review to complement existing evaluation processes such as the Joint External Evaluation and the Intra-Action Review as possible ways to oversee the correct implementation of the IHR.

Indeed, experiences in addressing previous health emergencies provide invaluable lessons for us to learn and further apply in our response to COVID-19.

I thank you.