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Bangladesh statement

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Title: Programme Budget 2022-23-revision (draft resolution) and General Programme of Work results framework

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Thank you, Chair.

Let me first thank the Secretariat for the revised budget 2022-2023.

This budget proposal has been made against the backdrop of an unprecedented global health crisis. We are happy that the Member States recognized the need for increasing the base budget segment by USD 604.4 million in the revised Programme Budget 2022-23.

The itemized increased allocation in the four strategic areas to ensure one billion more people receiving better health and wellbeing, protection from health emergencies, and better country support from WHO, is a timely response. Authorizing the Director General to transfer up to 5% of the allocation between these four individual strategic priorities might prove to be very useful in time of emergencies.

We believe, the extension of the period of the Thirteenth General Programme of Work from 2023 to 2025 is required to allow WHO to continue its work in the areas set out in the report by the Director-General. In this regard, we commend the work on WHO transformation and its adoption of UN Sustainable Development Group methodologies.

The pandemic has shown that the capacities of the countries to tackle emergencies vary significantly and the developing countries need more support in improving their health systems. This would mean more resources, expertise, and technology for these countries.

In view of the foregoing, Bangladesh would like to put forward the following suggestions for consideration:

First, the WHO budgetary provisions should include preparedness for health emergencies;

Second, different country contexts shall be taken into account while allocating resources;

Third, WHO must support the developing countries in capacity building, particularly enhancing their data capacity;

And finally, we call upon the Secretariat to explore possibilities of adopting a more robust and situation-responsive budgetary mechanism in line with UN standards.

Bangladesh supports the adoption of the resolution.

I thank you, Chair.

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