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Government of India**

Committee A

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Thank you Chair!

India recognizes the importance of evaluating the allocation and utilization of budgets across different programs to ensure optimal prioritization and distribution of available funds and highlights the importance of investing in global health security, health systems strengthening, and addressing health inequities.

India acknowledge the development of the online platform for Program Budget 2024-25 to ensure that the requisite information is available in a consolidated manner and to enhance transparency.

India suggests that this IT platform must include the detailed information with respect to the projects being undertaken and expenditure therein to ensure effective transparency in the functioning of the Organisation.

Chair,

India would like to recommend that all outputs along with indicators may be listed on the online portal. Further, additional staffing data is required to address the issues of national stakeholders. There is a need to develop a separate platform for HR data.

India suggests that the information provided on the digital platform may be as detailed as possible, including micro-level details of expenditure incurred at sub-priority levels. This can be done using the clear graphical presentation of the numeric data of the expenditure under each sub-priority.

India also stresses the need for continued investment in programs to combat antimicrobial resistance and advance global health security. India recommends WHO to continue to pursue efficiency and effectiveness in program delivery and to ensure the budget is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Chair,

India would like to raised concerns about the need for greater equity in the allocation of resources and the delivery of healthcare services. The proposed budget does not adequately address the needs of low- and middle-income countries and marginalized populations.

India stresses to increase investment in capacity building in the health sector, particularly in areas like healthcare workforce development, health research, and innovation. We also stress on the importance of investing in digital health infrastructure and technologies to strengthen health systems.

Thank you!