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**Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Government of India**

Committee B

Agenda 19.1: Results Report 2022 (Programme budget 2022–2023: performance assessment) and Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

Agenda 19.2: Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2022–2023 and outlook on financing of the Programme budget 2024–2025

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Thank you chair,

India believes that the extension of the GPW for two years will scale up the implementation of public health priorities, establish sustainable financing and accountability for results, besides better monitoring and coordination.

Despite some advancements towards the Healthier Populations Billion objective, India believes that there is a need for the assessment of the indicators which are worsening and widening inequities.

India recognizes the necessity for a significant overhaul of the healthcare system by prioritizing primary healthcare systems to attain the Universal Health Coverage goal to ensure affordable and accessible essential health services without imposing financial difficulties.

India would like to suggest that primary health systems should not provide treatment only but promote wellness and well-being by promoting the right lifestyle and holistic health care.

There is also a need to focus on the **use of technology in health service delivery to significantly improve the accessibility and quality of healthcare**, ultimately aiding the goal of Universal Health Coverage.

Chair,

WHO under the Value for money strategy mentioned that the only way to achieve the greatest impact on global health is through proper utilization of the WHO resources. India suggests that by **focusing on results, managing risks, being accountable and transparent, and fostering collaborations, WHO can maximize the value of its resources.**

The IEOAC identified that the biggest obstacle to improve efficiency at WHO is the lack of flexible, predictable, and sustainable financing. In order to mitigate the obstacle, India suggests that **there is a need for innovative financing models and efficient utilization of resources.**

Chair,

The modern business management system (BMS) of WHO is an important step towards improving the efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability of the organization. However, India would like to recommend that:

- The modern BMS should be more transparent in the decision-making processes, resource allocation, and program implementation.
- WHO could embrace innovation to improve its modern business management system. This could include adopting new technologies and digital platforms.

Chair,

India suggests that future reports on WHO's financing and implementation should include **performance indicators to measure the effectiveness** of the WHO's programs and activities to make WHO effective.

Thank You.