

**Remarks by H.E. Minister of Health of the Republic of Indonesia
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*Honorable Mr. President, Director General of the World Health Organization,
Health Ministers, Distinguished Delegates,*

1. It is a great pleasure for me to address this esteemed Assembly on behalf of Indonesia.
2. Seventy-five years is no doubt an impressive span of time for the World Health Assembly serving as a “parliament of health agenda” to share perspectives, forge partnerships, and determine the overall global health policies.
3. While the Public Health Emergency of International Concern PHEIC for COVID-19 has recently been lifted, **this should not lull us into a false sense of security.**
4. **Indonesia is committed to strengthen the global health architecture**, to save lives and achieve health for all. Through its G20 Presidency last year, Indonesia has continued the effort of previous Presidents to forge coordination between the finance and health sector in improving pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response (PPR). As a result, we have launched the Pandemic Fund. We now have to make sure that the pledges are realized and invite more countries contribute to the Fund, In parallel, we hope that countries make full use of this Fund to better prepare themselves to strengthen their health systems for PPR.
5. In this line, we call upon all Member States to maintain the momentum and lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic to expedite the negotiation for the Pandemic Treaty and the amendment to the International Health Regulations IHR 2005. We underscore the need for the synergy, complementarity, and interoperability between the two instruments,
6. Moreover to be better prepared for any potential health threats in the future we must also strengthen **regional PPR capabilities**. My region Southeast Asia is characterized as a global hotspot for emerging and reemerging infectious diseases. As the 2023 Chair of ASEAN, Indonesia remains committed to the operationalization of the ASEAN Centre of Public Health Emergencies and

Emerging Diseases (ACPHEED) which would serve as a hub to strengthen regional PPR capabilities.

7. In addition two weeks ago, in Labuan Bajo, the ASEAN Leaders adopted the Declaration on One Health Initiative. Through this initiative, we aim to define priority health threats to humans, animals, plants, and the environment, including zoonotic pathogens that cause outbreaks and those with pandemic potential. Beyond zoonotic pathogens identification, ASEAN Leaders advocate for investment, research, and development for PPR activities.
8. As Chair of ASEAN, we would propose to conduct an ASEAN Special Health Ministers' Meeting to further strengthen health resilience in the region, and at the same time prepare for the pandemic transition.
9. Finally, at the national level, Indonesia has put a strong focus on the long-term efforts to strengthen the national health system, through a systematic approach, known as six pillars of health transformation, covering the areas of primary care, referral care, health resilience system, health financing, health human resources and health technology.
10. Through better strategies, mobilization of adequate resources, equitable provision of new drugs, to deal with TB and Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and the strengthened capacity of health workforce across many countries in the post-pandemic era, we will be in a better position to deal with potential health crises.
11. I believe that the 75th anniversary of WHO will present us with a great momentum, to improve the health and well-being of peoples across the globe.

I, thank you!
