

30.5.2024 77th World Health Assembly: Agenda item 15.5. Economics and health for all**Statement by Finland**

Honorable Chair,

Finland aligns itself with the statement delivered by Belgium on behalf of the EU on the Economics of Health for All.

We are grateful for the leadership of Dr. Tedros to empower health administrations in demonstrating the importance of health and wellbeing to the economy. The WHO Council on Economics of the Health for All gave a set of innovative recommendations to WHO last year.

It is now up to us to take the next steps and design together, as Member States and the Secretariat, a strategy on how to implement an economics of health for all approach, including priority actions for Member States and other actors. The Secretariat will also be developing a cross-cutting programme of work on economics of health for all.

The implementation of the economy of wellbeing approach in Member States will depend on their national contexts. The aim is to enhance intersectoral collaboration and mutual understanding on the interconnectivity of health and wellbeing and the economy.

We would like to express our appreciation to those who partnered with us in taking this proposal forward, namely Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Slovenia and the United Arab Emirates.

We also want to thank all who have shown their support today.