

**Statement of the First Deputy Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia Dr. Tamar Gabunia at the 77th World Health Assembly**

**Committee A**

**Pillar 4. More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries**

**17. Draft Fourteenth General Programme of Work, 2025–2028**

*Advancing health equity and health systems resilience in a turbulent world: a global health agenda for 2025–2028. Promoting, providing and protecting health and well-being for all*

Distinguished delegates,

On behalf of the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health, and Social Affairs of Georgia. Georgia acknowledges the need for the adoption and implementation of strategic objectives envisaged by the “Draft Fourteenth General Programme of Work 2025–2028.”

The GPW fourteens with its 6 strategic objectives calls for collective action of countries and partners to achieve its overarching goal - to **promote, provide and protect health**. This joint work gives us an opportunity as individual countries and global health system to substantially enhance equity in health and care service coverage and access, and building health systems resilience.

We would like to note that the general programme of work well identifies major challenges towards achieving SDG goals. Good progress made in some directions indicate that with evidence informed policies, joint actions and innovative solutions, it is quite realistic to accelerate progress in maternal and child health, non-communicable conditions, antimicrobial resistance, human biomonitoring and environmental health and other areas.

Georgia’s national strategies and action plans well align with the General program of work.

Universal Health Care program has enabled Georgia to provide health service coverage to more than 90% of its population and protecting them from ill health and financial hardship. Currently, our goal is to progressively cover the full spectrum of services from prevention to rehabilitation and palliative care.

The role of the WHO has been central in planning effective strategies aimed at promoting, providing and protecting health. Access to high quality technical assistance provided by the WHO has been a critical success factor for the country in implementing comprehensive reforms. WHO’s strong country presence enabled ministry and other state agencies to strengthen it’s own capacity for strategic planning and analytics.

In conclusion, I would like to reaffirm our commitment to the adoption and implementation of strategic objectives outlined in the “Draft Fourteenth General Programme of Work 2025–2028”. This commitment underscores our unwavering determination to safeguard the health and well-being of

our population in the face of global health challenges. Through collaborative partnerships and strategic initiatives, Georgia aims to build a healthier, more resilient future for all its citizens.

Thank you for your attention!