



77TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

National Statement on Agenda 13.4: The Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.

Thank you Chair,

Kenya aligns with the statement delivered by the distinguished delegation of South Africa on behalf of the 47 Member States of the WHO Africa Region.

Chair, we have in mind the importance of this exercise and whereas we recognize the extraordinary work of the Bureau in trying to build consensus, we note that the same has not yet been achieved in some articles, which are of concern to our country and the African group particularly on financing and equity. Kenya continues to participate in the negotiations and remains entirely committed to contributing to a positive outcome of the process.

Chair, recalling the task we gave ourselves two years ago, we cannot forget its significance. In order to sustain the momentum and to preserve the gains made thus far, we support the proposal to extend the mandate of the INB, in order to finalize the Pandemic Agreement, as contained in the draft resolution proposed by the 47 Member States of the African Region.

Additionally, as a demonstration of commitment to making progress , we wish to strongly affirm our confidence in the Bureau, and echo calls that this work should continue under the current Bureau. This will ensure continuity and expedite the delivery of the Pandemic Agreement.

Further, we emphasise, as highlighted in the Africa Group resolution, that the final outcome of the INB should be submitted for consideration by a special session of the World Health Assembly to be convened by the WHO Director General before the end of 2024. We consider this a reasonable timeline to conclude this critical work.

Let us all reconsider the hardline positions in the spirit of strengthening global solidarity and multilateral cooperation in pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, for the benefit of the entire humanity in line with the theme for this year's Assembly "All for health, health for all".

I thank you.