

Statement from **Delegation of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)** on Item 13.3, Amendments to the IHR and 13.4, INB and the Pandemic Agreement under Committee A, Pillar 2.

Regarding items 13.3 and 13.4, Micronesia thanks the Director General and Secretariat for the continuing work being done towards making our peoples and counties safer. It is well known that the work that have gone into these two items has been challenging, taking well over two years since this endeavor was undertaken, so we applaud all the work, long hours and the dedication of our fellow member states that have been tirelessly making headway towards our common goal.

Micronesia takes this opportunity to align itself with other member states in support of this work, it is vitally important as we all develop evermore robust healthcare systems to prevent, prepare and respond to pandemics.

In Micronesia, one such example of this development is the initial stages of implementation of digital health. By utilizing improved infrastructure and internet connectivity, Micronesia has developed and is utilizing a custom, proprietary Electronic Health Records system in its hospitals. We will continue to build, develop and improve capacities in order to achieve a more robust digital health system to deliver more services in the near future such as telemedicine, remote health apps, remote monitoring and information exchange, just to name a few, bringing us a few steps closer to preventing, preparing and responding to pandemics.

In conclusion, Micronesia again reaffirms its support for the continued work going into securing a healthier more secure future for us all.

I thank you