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The urgent financing challenges faced in the programme budget highlights the cruciality of sustaining the operational efficiencies in terms of enhanced technical collaboration, enhanced operational practices, and development of digital tools, and the urgency of recalibrating these for the implementation of Programme Budget 2024-2025. Continued heavy reliance on earmarked, specified or thematic voluntary contributions and the resulting hurdles in strategic funding allocation underline the need to go beyond business as usual in financing WHO.

The implications of uneven levels of financing include inequity, sickness and lost lives. It is therefore our national moral obligation as WHO Member States to collectively support efforts to sustainably finance the Organization. We need collective political will and actions to increase the proportion of financing from assessed contributions in order to strengthen WHO capacity for predictable and flexible financing.

Hence, the Philippines strongly believes that this World Assembly should issue a resolution recognizing the important role of assessed contributions in sustainably financing WHO. It is imperative that the Secretariat develop budget proposals for increased assessed contributions in the regular budget cycle, so that the Organization is able to complete its sustainable financing goals by 2028 to 2029.

We, thus, look forward to the budget proposals from the Secretariat in terms of the percentage increases in ACs as well as the implementation plan to include a preliminary timetable and the resources required to implement budgetary, programmatic, governance and accountability reforms.

On Voluntary Contributions, the Philippines encourages all partners and Member States to allow greater flexibility to the WHO in the utilization of voluntary contributions. All Partners must also support the need to mobilize more voluntary contributions for Emergencies to carry out health interventions in emergency and humanitarian responses. We all witness how the Organization is

responding to unprecedented humanitarian needs. Increased financing is urgently needed to ensure that WHO teams undertaking high-risk missions are protected and are able to reach more.

Thank you.