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Thank you Chair,

Armenia recognizes the critical importance of the International Health Regulations and reaffirms its strong commitment to strengthening and safeguarding the national and global health security. Armenia thanks for the scope of efforts undertaken by the WHO under the framework of the IHR 2005 to support the countries capacities to effectively detect, warn and respond to threats.

In this regard, Armenia has also undergone the Joint External Evaluation 2 process to appraise the current national capacities and identify areas for improvement. In response to the findings, Armenia has been committed to solidifying the legislative framework in line with the IHR requirements, which has been reflected in the inaction of the National Action Plan for Health Security and the inaction of the new Public Health Law in 2024.

The development and implementation of the national pandemic preparedness plan in line with the PRET initiative will mark the country's accomplishment in advancing the health security framework through country-wide multisectoral collective action to prevent, detect, and respond to health emergencies. Additionally, to enhance the early response and preparedness the public health emergency operation center has also been established and is currently in the process of enhancement.

Further actions will be directed to guaranteeing the sustainable financing of IHR-critical programs, legal harmonization of IHR implementation, and strengthening multisectoral coordination of surveillance, prevention, and response systems against pandemic prone diseases under a "One Health" framework.

However, international support remains critical and with the application for the Pandemic Fund Armenia is looking forward to joining the initiative as an essential mean to support and further escalate the country's efforts toward the padnemic preparedness.

In conclusion, Armenia reiterates its commitment to the principles of the IHR and to working with all Member States to ensure a safer and healthier world for all.

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