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Delivered by H.E. Ambassador, Hasmik Tolmajian, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Armenia to the UNOG and other international organizations in Geneva

Thank you Chair,

Armenia expresses its appreciation to the Secretariat for the preparation of the Proposed Programme Budget 2026–2027. Armenia aligns itself with the principles and priorities outlined in the Fourteenth General Programme of Work (GPW14), and welcomes the integration of this strategic vision into the proposed budget under complex and evolving global conditions.

Armenia recognizes the need for continued investment in enabling functions, particularly in health emergency preparedness and response, digital health, and workforce development.

We note the proposed allocation of \$ 6.2 billion under all sources of funding and appreciate the clarification provided on priority areas. However, we remain concerned about financial gap, and recognize the urgent need to identify feasible approaches to minimize the gap that threatens WHO's ability to properly and efficiently deliver on its mandate.

At the same time, we welcome the Investment Round as an innovative platform to mobilize additional flexible resources. Armenia further stresses the importance of transparency, efficiency, and alignment with national priorities in how WHO manages and allocates its funds.

Additionally, we emphasize the importance of careful implementation and outcome monitoring, including regular updates on progress, resource mobilization, and efficiency gains.

Armenia highlights the integration of clear and measurable key performance indicators (KPIs) as key to monitor implementation and ensure that resources deliver impact where they are most needed.

Finally, Armenia reaffirms its support to the WHO in fulfilling its mandate effectively and equitably, serving all Member States to advance health for all and to meet the challenges of the future.

Thank you