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**Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Government of India**

Intervention by India (2 minutes)

Agenda Item 11.2: Proposed programme budget 2026–2027

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Thank you chair,

India takes note of the comprehensive report on the Proposed Programme Budget 2026–2027.

We also observe that the initially proposed budget envelope of USD 5.324 billion has been revised downward to USD 4.267 billion for the biennium 2026-27. We appreciate that in the light of financial constraints, WHO remains focused on delivering results with efficiency and impact, while aligning available resources to safeguard the most essential work.

Chair,

We commend the Secretariat for revisiting the costing of priorities, ensuring that they align with the principles of realistic budgeting while also considering the recent country prioritization process. The P1–P2–P3 framework adopted in this

context is recognized for its potential to enhance the efficiency of the WHO's operations and promote the effective allocation of resources to areas where they are most needed. This approach is also viewed as a positive step towards enabling equitable health resource mobilization, particularly in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs) and Low-Income Countries (LICs).

Chair,

We welcome an additional budget line to separate global technical centres and the Secretariat's approach to implement a twin-track strategy under the GPW 14 Results Framework to deliver effective and equitable results.

Chair,

India reaffirms its commitment to support the WHO's financial stability through our timely assessed and voluntary contributions.

Thank you.