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Intervention by India (3 minutes)

**Agenda Item 21.1: Results report 2024 (Programme budget 2024–2025: performance assessment)
and Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Agenda Item 21.2: Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2024–2025

Agenda Item 21.3: Sustainable financing: WHO investment round

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Thank you chair,

India takes note of the results report 2024 and acknowledges this report as a valuable resource for understanding the impact and effectiveness of the Programme Budget 2024, demonstrating the strategic and efficient utilization of financial resources and contributions by WHO.

India recommends that WHO further strengthen transparency in its reporting by offering more granular and accessible information on the allocation and impact of voluntary contributions across various programmatic areas.

We emphasize strengthening collaboration with contributors through regular updates, to ensure that WHO's strategic objectives remain closely aligned with the national and regional health priorities of Member States.

Chair,

India appreciates the inclusion of data from the country office-led Business Operations Strategy (BOS 2.0) within the report on the Financing and Implementation of the Programme Budget 2024–2025. This inclusion offers a more comprehensive understanding of the quantitative efficiencies achieved across the Organization. India recommends the inclusion of a dedicated section on qualitative insights, encompassing an innovative models and key lessons learned. This expanded qualitative analysis would offer Member States a more comprehensive and nuanced understanding of the WHO's organizational impact, going beyond purely financial metrics and efficiency gains.

Chair,

India commends WHO's Investment Round initiative for resource mobilization through and congratulates for successfully mobilizing USD 3.9 billion funds, with initial pledges from member states and other entities despite the challenges faced during campaigning for the Investment Round.

India is a significant contributor to WHO, ranking as the eighth largest voluntary contributor. Our contributions are extended across various programmatic areas and in-kind support, such as redevelopment of the South-East Asia Regional Office Building in New Delhi and assistance towards the establishment of WHO's Global Traditional Medicine Centre.

This underscores our strong partnership with WHO and our shared vision of providing quality and safe healthcare services at the national and global levels.

India stands resolute in its commitment to contributing to a robust and sustainable future for global well-being. In collaborative synergy with the WHO stewardship and the concerted efforts of fellow member states, we aspire to cultivate more resilient and equitable health systems for all nations.

Thank you.