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Intervention by India

Agenda Item 21.4: Scale of assessments 2026–2027

Agenda Item 21.5: Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution

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Thank you chair,

India takes note of the Scale of Assessment 2026-2027.

There are some key concerns that India would like to raise regarding the WHO Scale of Assessments. First, the utilization of funds within the WHO must be marked by the highest standards of transparency and accountability. The transparency in fund usage will enhance trust and reinforce the credibility of this institution among its Member States and global stakeholders.

Second, we believe that reforms should prioritize strengthening the capacity of WHO country offices. Strengthening country-level office will ensure that WHO's

work is tailored to the specific needs and contexts of individual country, thereby maximizing the impact of efforts and the resources.

Third, India calls for enhanced engagement of Member States in the process of fund utilization, particularly with regard to voluntary contributions. Regular consultations and reporting mechanisms are essential in this regard.

Finally, India stresses the importance of full disclosure of all voluntary contributions, including both in-cash and in-kind contributions, this will allow better oversight and improved coordination.

India agrees with the UN scale of assessments of Members and Associate Members for the biennium 2026–2027 and is ready to adopt it.

Thank you.