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Intervention by India (3 minutes)

Agenda item 26: Agreements with intergovernmental organizations

Agenda item 27: Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations Agreements with intergovernmental organizations

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Thank you Chair!

India supports the proposed WHO–OECD agreement, acknowledging the strong link between health and economics. We encourage WHO to pursue similar partnerships with regional bodies, especially those representing developing countries. Expanding such collaboration will help integrate health into broader development agendas, enhance policy coherence, and build more resilient, inclusive systems to address future global health challenges

Chair,

India acknowledges the comprehensive review of WHO’s collaboration within the United Nations system and with intergovernmental organizations. We appreciate WHO’s continued technical leadership and active engagement in key high-level UN

meetings, including those on antimicrobial resistance, tuberculosis, noncommunicable diseases, adolescent health, climate action and digital health. These efforts have promoted multisectoral coordination and supported progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals.

India commends WHO's proactive role in UN development system reform, including its alignment with UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks, engagement in over 100 joint workplans and contribution of over US\$12 million to the UN coordination mechanisms. We also appreciate its support for joint UN programmes and key pooled funds on AMR and health workforce.

Chair,

To enhance the impact of such collaboration, India recommends a more decentralized operational model that empowers WHO's regional and country offices to engage more directly with resident coordinators. Additionally, WHO should strengthen national capacities by supporting skill development, promoting country ownership of health programmes and facilitating policy transitioning from pilot initiatives to scalable national programmes. These steps will ensure sustained progress. Such engagements will diversify funding, enhance sustainability and ensure global health efforts are more equitable and sustainable.

Thank you!