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The Philippines believes that the Investment Round is a critical element of multilateral actions to protect health as a fundamental human right. The Investment Round opens the door to every Member State, no matter how small, to contribute meaningfully towards global public health objective. Further, the Investment Round can serve as a tool not only for increased funding flexibility and an expanded donor base, but also as a vehicle for enhanced cooperation, coordination, and solidarity.

The Philippines will remain faithful to its commitment on proposed increases in the assessed contributions to support increased financing of the Programme Budget, with enhanced focus on the most marginalized populations.

We therefore encourage fellow Member States to continue advocating for actions that would advance global public health, with a stronger role of the WHO as an agile global steward for health while empowering individual countries as accountable and active stakeholders. We are pushing for more venues where our commitment to healthier communities can be made, and are encouraged by the reported trend of increased flexible contributions. We further assert that our commitments in the Investment Round should already be incorporated in our domestic policies and national budget, emphasizing a whole-of-government approach.