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The Philippines fully supports the draft resolution on the Reassignment of the Government of Indonesia to the Western Pacific Region.

As close neighbors and partners in the Association of South East Asian Nations (or ASEAN), we affirm that the inclusion of the Government of Indonesia to the Western Pacific Region will significantly strengthen regional collaboration and advance further the shared health agenda across both WHO WPRO and the ASEAN. This move indeed fosters a more inclusive and culturally appropriate approach to health.

Indonesia shares similar public health characteristics with WPRO Member States which will allow for more effective disease surveillance and control initiatives. Furthermore, as an archipelagic nation vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, Indonesia's experience will be invaluable to, and benefit from, the WPRO's disaster preparedness and response strategies.

The Philippines looks forward to a stronger and more impactful partnership with the Western Pacific Region in achieving our collective public health goals.

Thank you, Chair.