



SOLOMON ISLANDS NATIONAL STATEMENT

BY

THE HON. HEALTH MINISTER,

HON. DR PAUL POPORA BOSAWAI, MP

AT THE

**78th WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
(TO BE DELIVERED AT THE PLENARY)**

ON

MONDAY, 19th to 27th MAY 2025

Geneva, Switzerland

Mr President,
Honourable Ministers of Health,
Director-General of WHO,
Distinguished Delegates,

I bring greetings and best wishes from the Government and people of the Solomon Islands.

I congratulate you, President and other officials, on your elections into office to steer the proceedings of the 78th session of the World Health Assembly.

The theme of this year's World Health Assembly "**One World for Health**" cannot come at a perfect time, as this theme represents and calls on all of us to build a strong, resilient and healthier global community into the future for our people. We are dependent on one another.

Not so long ago, all countries, big and small, rich and poor witnessed how the recent world-wide pandemic, has impacted the world over and brought the World Economy to its feet.

The impact of the recent COVID-19 pandemic and its profound consequences remains fresh on our minds. Despite the many measures that many countries undertook that time, clearly, no country was safe until all countries were.

We saw an unprecedented level of global effort to manage the situation that time. Such, only emphasized the importance of investing in **resilient health systems** and **international cooperation in the face of global health challenges**.

We have journeyed long and hard over so many years, learning many lessons along the way. The greatest lesson of our global efforts is that we must work together not only when a crisis unfolds, but strive to be ahead through strong collaborations, partnerships and preparations during normal and not so normal times.

As a **Family of Nations**, we are together in our journeys, needing each other more than ever to build a healthier, responsive and resilient future.

Solomon Islands endorses the Pandemic Agreement as this a testament of the strength of solidarity, multilateralism, equity, peace, and unity.

I thank you for your attention