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Item 21.3 SUSTAINABLE FINANCING: INVESTMENT ROUND

1. South Africa aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the African Region, on the four reports under discussion in this agenda item.
2. South Africa thank the Director-General for the comprehensive report (EB154/29 Rev. 1) on the WHO Investment Round outlining a clear roadmap toward sustainable financing of WHO's core functions.
3. South Africa has and continue to advocate for sustainable financing of the World Health Organization (WHO) to ensure financing of the core functions of the organization. It is more so critical now considering the current economical and geopolitical situation in global health.
4. as well as the is importance and of the global health sector prior to coronavirus, which, with the devastation of the pandemic, has now assumed a more desperate dimension.
5. South Africa supports the four proposed priority areas to be considered for support the base segment of GPW 14 to include:
 - 🚩 **Enhanced emergency preparedness and response:**
 - 🚩 **Strengthened primary healthcare and health systems:**
 - 🚩 **Support for local manufacturing and research:**
 - 🚩 **Data and innovation**

6. South Africa fully endorses the WHO Investment Round and urges the Secretariat to enhance efforts to continue and also urge Member States and partners to continue to commit generously, to ensure predictable and flexible financing for our organization.
7. I thank you.