

Report of Committee A: Pillar 2: Item 16.2: Intervention by Tonga on the Adoption of the Pandemic Agreement (Document A78/10_Add 1 & Add 2 and A78/INF./9)

Thank you Chair,

1. We extend our warm congratulations to the World Health Organization and to all Member States — including our own, the Kingdom of Tonga — on the adoption of the Pandemic Agreement.
2. This milestone is the result of over three years of tireless and dedicated efforts by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body and Member States. We commend the leadership and commitment that has brought us to this important moment.
3. For Small Island Developing States like Tonga, the adoption of this Agreement is especially significant. Our limited capacity to prepare for and respond effectively to pandemics places our population at disproportionate risk.
4. The Pandemic Agreement offers a vital opportunity to address these vulnerabilities through stronger collaboration, equitable access to tools and resources, and reinforced global solidarity.
5. We acknowledge that much work remains. As outlined in the resolution, Tonga looks forward to working closely with WHO and other partners on the next steps required to operationalize and implement the Pandemic Agreement.
6. We remain committed to contributing constructively to this shared endeavour.

THANK YOU AND MALO AUPITO.

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