



Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Tuvalu

COUNTRY STATEMENT ON:

WHA Provisional Agenda Item 16.2: Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response

Date: Monday, 19 May 2025

Location : World Assembly Committee A

Honorable Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

Tuvalu extends its deepest appreciation to the World Health Organization (WHO), the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body, and all member states for their tireless efforts in shaping the Pandemic Agreement. This collective commitment reflects our shared responsibility in strengthening global health security, resilience, and preparedness. WHO's leadership in guiding international health policies and fostering cooperation has been instrumental in advancing a stronger, more unified approach to pandemic response, ensuring equitable access to healthcare solutions for nations like Tuvalu and beyond.

For Small Island Developing States (SIDS) like Tuvalu, the Pandemic Agreement is not just policy—it is a lifeline. Our experience during the COVID-19 pandemic was marked by limited healthcare infrastructure, supply chain disruptions, and constrained emergency response capabilities, exposing our vulnerability to global health crises.

This agreement represents a critical step forward in ensuring equitable access to resources, medical support, and emergency preparedness mechanisms for nations like ours. We are committed to working alongside the global community to uphold its principles and ensure no country is left behind in the fight against future pandemics.

We thank all negotiators for their dedication and reaffirm Tuvalu's unwavering support for a fair, inclusive, and effective Pandemic Agreement.

Thank you.