

AGENDA ITEM 3: OUTCOME OF THE WHA78

Thank you Chair. As this is my first time to take the floor, I congratulate you on your election to this important task at such a time in the history of WHO. You have the full support of my delegation, and I look forward to working with you.

The WHA78 was a very successful Assembly on many fronts, including the historic adoption of the Pandemic Agreement and the adoption of Programme Budget 2026-2027 with a 20% increase for assessed contributions. We remain committed to translating these outcomes into national action with focus on community health systems, maternal and child mortality, and digital innovation.

The programme was well thought out and we see value in the proposals by the Secretariat for reduced speaking times for items discussed by the EB and the PBAC. The Secretariat should continue to explore and improve on measures to make our meetings more efficient.

For the electronic voting, we found that it was very helpful in terms of time saving. However, our preference will continue to promote consensus-based approaches, particularly for technical items. Our decisions should be based on evidence and a common understanding.

I thank you.