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Honourable Chair,
Director-General,
Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

The Republic of The Gambia extends its heartfelt appreciation to the Secretariat for the report on operational efficiencies.

We commend the continued efforts to enhance efficiency, transparency, and value for money in the delivery of WHO's mandate. In a context of constrained global resources and increasing health demands, improving operational efficiency is not only desirable—it is essential.

We note the progress made in streamlining processes, strengthening internal controls, and improving resource utilization. These efforts are critical to ensuring that limited resources are translated into maximum impact at the country level.

However, we underscore that efficiency gains must be accompanied by stronger alignment with country priorities and improved responsiveness to country needs. For

countries such as The Gambia, efficiency should not only be measured by cost savings, but by the effectiveness, timeliness, and equity of programme delivery.

In this regard, The Gambia highlights three key priorities:

First, strengthening results-based management approaches that link resources directly to measurable outcomes and impact.

Second, enhancing transparency and accountability across all levels of implementation, including clear reporting on efficiency gains and reinvestment of savings.

Third, ensuring that operational efficiencies contribute to increased support at country level, particularly in areas of health systems strengthening and capacity development.

The Gambia remains committed to working with the Secretariat and partners to ensure that operational efficiencies translate into better health outcomes for our populations.

I thank you.