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Intervention by India (2 minutes)

Agenda Item 18.1: Results Report (Programme budget 2024–2025: performance assessment) and financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

Agenda Item 18.2: Financing, implementation and performance framework of the Programme budget 2026–2027

Agenda Item 18.14: Human resources: annual report

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Thank you chair,

India acknowledges the comprehensive Results Report on Programme Budget 2024–2025, which marks the conclusion of the Thirteenth General Programme of Work (GPW 13).

India notes that the report identifies automation and artificial intelligence as a central element of WHO's long-term sustainability strategy and as important tools for managing budget and human resource constraints while expanding global public health impact.

Recognizing the growing role of digital health technologies and AI in strengthening disease surveillance, outbreak analytics, logistics, public health

intelligence and operational efficiency, India advocates for the integration of interoperable, ethically governed digital monitoring systems within GPW 14, underpinned by robust data quality standards and meaningful Member State oversight.

Chair,

India calls for agile and flexible monitoring mechanisms capable of assessing impact across diverse health emergencies and operational settings - responsive to evolving ground realities and the differentiated needs of Member States.

India believes that such a mechanism is essential to ensuring that the GPW 14 monitoring framework remains evidence-based and results-oriented, firmly anchored in the principles of equity and country ownership.

Chair,

India takes note of the first report on the financing and implementation of the Programme Budget 2026–2027 and urges the Secretariat to ensure that the undistributed flexible fund balance is deployed in a targeted, transparent and time-bound manner toward historically and structurally underfunded outcomes.

India remains committed to supporting the Secretariat's efforts to strengthen its human capital as the foundation for delivering impactful health outcomes globally.

Thank you!