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Intervention by India

Agenda Item 20: Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations

Agenda Item 20.1: Reform of the global health architecture and the UN80 initiative

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Thank you chair,

India notes the comprehensive report on WHO's collaboration within the UN system and with other intergovernmental organizations in 2025. India appreciates the Secretariat's efforts in advancing the Universal Health Coverage, primary health care, and non-communicable diseases agendas.

India also encourages strengthening South-South cooperation to scale proven solutions. India's experience with Ayushman Bharat, digital health architecture, and vaccine manufacturing demonstrates what is achievable in large and resource-constrained settings, and we remain ready to share these lessons with Member States.

Chair,

India acknowledges the Director-General's report on the WHO-hosted joint process for reform of the Global Health Architecture.

India supports a coherent, equitable, and sustainable global health architecture anchored in strong Member State ownership. We appreciate the proposed objectives of aligning mandates to reduce duplication, strengthening coordination and decision-making, and ensuring financing aligned with national priorities to promote self-reliance.

Chair,

India takes note of the proposed Joint Task Force and stresses that representation must adequately reflect the perspectives of low- and middle-income countries while preserving Member States' primacy in decision-making.

We further urge that the process remain transparent, inclusive, evidence-based, and implementation-oriented. Strengthening WHO's norm-setting and coordinating role through this Member State-led process will help build a more inclusive and representative global health architecture that leaves no one behind.

Thank you.