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Agendas 14.1. WHO's work in health emergencies and 14.2 Strengthening the evidence base for public health and social measures

The Philippines thanks the Director-General for the comprehensive reports and reaffirms our strong support for the sustained implementation and full financing of the Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Resilience framework. As a climate-vulnerable archipelago facing recurrent outbreaks and complex humanitarian risks, we underscore that global health security depends on prioritizing support to countries where fragility, climate shocks and health system strain converge.

We call for strengthened collaborative surveillance, expansion of the International Pathogen Surveillance Network, and strategic use of platforms such as the Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System to advance integrated multi-pathogen intelligence. Sustained investment in resilient primary care, laboratory networks and equitable access to medical countermeasures is essential to prevent widening inequities during crises.

The Philippines also highlights the importance of strengthening the evidence base for public health and social measures. PHSMs must be grounded on timely, context-specific and equity-focused evidence to ensure proportionate, adaptive and trusted decision-making. We encourage WHO to deepen behavioural and social science research, support real-time community-level analytics, and build national capacities for implementation research, especially in resource-constrained and humanitarian settings.

We further encourage WHO to expand multisectoral partnerships, including through the Health Impact Investment Platform, and to operationalize the Global Health Emergency Corps to ensure standardized, rapidly deployable national surge workforces.

The Philippines therefore calls for predictable, front-loaded financing; strengthened national public health agencies; integration of One Health approaches; and climate-resilient health systems to safeguard global health security. Thank you.