

Statement of the Slovak Republic
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Dear Mr Chair,

Slovakia aligns itself with the statement delivered by Cyprus on behalf of EU and its MS.

In the current challenging and rapidly evolving global environment, Slovakia supports the proposed reform of the global health architecture, with WHO playing essential role in the process. We agree that the present circumstances call for a more coordinated, efficient and impactful global health system, capable of responding effectively to current and future health challenges.

Slovakia advocates for a lean, efficient and agile process, while avoiding overly complex and resource-demanding structures. While the financial situation within WHO may appear as stabilized, it is essential that the new process does not create additional financial burden for WHO and its Member States.

We also underline that global health environment involves a broad range of actors beyond Member States and international organizations, which play important role in it and should be therefore appropriately included in the process.

Slovakia supports a transparent and consensus-based process that strengthens coordination among all relevant global health actors. We hope that, at the conclusion of this process, a clear, actionable and effective recommendations will be available to support the achievement of the overarching objectives of the GHA reform.

Thank you.