Thank you Chair,

We take note the Director General report under this item.

We note also the effort to have a broad reach in collecting data on current human pathogen-sharing practices and arrangements and implementation of access and benefit-sharing measures, as well as opinions on the public health implications of both.

We note the survey was completed by 118 respondents, and only 21 of respondents or 18% of them from member states which the responding countries are not specified.

The proportion of non-state respondents, are also not specified.

Therefore, we could not confirm the validity of the result of this survey.

More so, the survey should be more comprehensive, and not too focus on getting information related to the access, but also on the benefit-sharing measures.

Chair,

WHO should be careful in selecting specific notes from the survey and stating them in the report.

Indeed, 65% of WHO Members are parties to the Nagoya Protocol, and all WHO members are parties to the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD) which, among others, regulates fair and equitable benefit sharing of pathogens by virtue of the CBD.

Moreover, two thirds of WHO Members have recognized the premise and rights of the Nagoya Protocol.

The rights granted to the member states by the CBD and the Nagoya Protocol should be respected and upheld, and their national access and benefit sharing legislation should be recognized and supported.

Chair,

A timely pathogen sharing is important to address public health needs, especially during the pandemic. We appreciate the initiative taken by WHO and others.
However, we believe that should WHO plan to develop a new sharing mechanism, the decision to develop such mechanism should be done through inter-governmental process, with active and inclusive participation of member states.

The mechanisms must be well-structured, systematic, and begins by addressing these questions, such as what pathogen samples are shared; who will share them? with whom?; as well as when, where, and how the samples are shared.

To conclude Chair, Indonesia is open for further consultation on this matter.

I thank you.