Statement by Myanmar Delegation
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Item 14.1: COVID-19 Response

Mr. Chair,

Let me begin by expressing our profound thanks to the Director General for his all-inclusive Report on the COVID-19 Response (EB/148/16).

On behalf of my delegation, I wish to express our appreciation to the Director-General and the leadership team of the WHO for their leading role and relentless efforts in fighting against the COVID-19 Pandemic.

We are also obliged to the WHO for its international capacity and technical support through the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network.

Mr. Chair,

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Myanmar has taken timely actions, especially in the prevention, control, and sustained efforts to curb the emerging threats of COVID-19 in the country.

Myanmar has put in place a ‘Whole-of Nation’ approach and the principle of ‘no one left behind’ to address this emerging challenge.

Myanmar has made necessary preparations in order to attain the COVID-19 vaccines in cooperation with the WHO, Gavi- the Vaccine Alliance, and COVAX Facility.

We have also initiated the Vaccination Programme in line with the WHO’s Guidelines, including the WHO Guidance on National Deployment and Vaccination Planning.
Mr. Chair,

Developing countries are now facing immense challenges in accessing the much-needed vaccine. It is therefore imperative to have fair and equitable accessibility and affordability of vaccines for everyone.

To this end, we are grateful to the WHO for initiating a global collaboration to accelerate, development and production and equitable access to COVID-19 diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines.

We firmly believe that the COVAX Facility is a great hope for low and middle-income countries to acquire effective vaccines.

Since Myanmar is one of the COVAX AMC participants, we attach great importance to secure substantial supplies of vaccines to cater for developing economies through the COVAX.

Mr. Chair,

Myanmar always attaches great importance to her cooperation with the WHO.

I therefore wish to reaffirm our continued support to the leading role of the WHO in tackling the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Thank you.

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