FENSA Implementation

- We appreciate the report on FENSA implementation and efforts to engage with Non-State Actors to better understand a wide-range of perspectives on global public health.

- It is important to the United States that FENSA is fully implemented in a practical way and provides a pathway for meaningful collaboration thus allowing WHO to work more effectively and transparently with civil society, the private sector, academia, and philanthropies.

- The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated in unequivocal terms the critical role that non state actors play, including the private sector, in developing vaccines and therapeutics, as well as securing supply chains for other critical products to respond to public health emergencies. We support efforts to streamline processes to promote timely engagement with NSAs during the pandemic.

- The United States sees FENSA as a tool to ensure transparency in engagements giving all Member States confidence that such engagements are being undertaken in service to public health and to demonstrate the relevance and importance of WHO’s work to all parties. This will be critical as we take forward discussions around WHO strengthening.
• We encourage WHO to prioritize development of a non-state actor engagement strategy and implementation plan, as called for in the FENSA evaluation and would appreciate an update on the timeline and next steps.

• We also believe it would be helpful for the WHO to engage with Member States in a meaningful manner to take a wide array of perspectives into account as FENSA is implemented.