

[Mr. Chairman, Director General, heads of delegations and distinguished colleagues,

At the outset, my delegation congratulates you on your election as the Chairman of this Committee. We believe with the able guidance from you and the elected bureau, this committee will produce successful outcomes by the end this assembly.

Listening to key distinguished guest speakers today morning, my delegation remains encouraged by the recognition rendered to the WHO and its health governance and other services. My delegation remains even more optimistic with the fact the many developing country institutions are mentioned as leaders of change and that they have made the lives of many women, children and people better.

Mr. Chairman,

We take note of the report by the Director General on agenda item 11: the future of financing for the WHO. We believe that the report provides a good basis to continue this discussion further aiming at the improvement of this organization. We thank the DG for conducting informal consultations last month to discuss this issue further with the Permanent Missions in Geneva and also for the transparent manner in which this dialogue was conducted.

The Director General's report under this agenda item sets out the main elements of the reform agenda and we would like to comment on the issues highlighted. We believe that clear guide lines or a criteria need to be defined on the impact on the intended reforms will have on the WHO governance in consultation with the member states. In this regard, my delegation wishes particularly refer to the paragraph 85 that the immediate governance challenges are in fact to ensure inclusiveness and coherence among many actors in the global health governance. In this regard we take note of the fact that clearer definition of the rules of engagement with the other global actors and their responsibility and the responsibility of the governments also need to be further clarified.

Mr. Chairman,

The report of DG needs to be elaborated to increase our understanding on the details as to how the organization will be carrying out specific reform with regard to the programmes, administration arrangements and also strengthen the presence of this organization in our countries and regions. In this context we look forward to the report of the formative evaluation on the work of the WHO. We also look forward to the report on the World Health Forum, which will be presented to the Member States at the 130th Executive Board. Needless to mention that the decision taken or the issues discussed at this forum cannot and should not over shadow the decisions taken at the governing bodies at the World Health Assembly with the participation of all the member states.

In conclusion, we reiterate that the objective of reform process should be undertaken with the aim of strengthening the role of the WHO on public health and to enhance its leadership in addressing the health needs of humanity. This could be achieved if the reform encompassed also development of a normative framework to address the mounting challenges with regard to the health governance. To this end, my delegation remains open for a constructive engagement with the Secretariat and also with the other member states.

Thank you.