



**National Statement on Second Meeting of INB delivered by Umair Khalid,
Second Secretary
(18-22 July 2022)**

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson

Pakistan aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of EMRO

Pakistan reiterates the need to strengthen the mechanisms to contain the negative impacts of the on-going pandemic and prevent or be prepared for any future pandemic through collective efforts and international cooperation.

The gaps highlighted by COVID-19 pandemic in the existing global health security landscape underscore the need for an **adequately resourced** emergency preparedness and response architecture.

In crafting this new architecture, it is imperative that a future instrument is balanced in terms of rights and obligations.

In crafting this new architecture, it is imperative that any future binding instrument must have equity, balance between obligations and capacity building and international cooperation as its interlocking elements. An instrument that binds the world to the existing inequities in respective capacities and countermeasures may not serve anyone.

The international instrument must also be anchored in the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, respective capabilities and varied national circumstances.

Pakistan reaffirms its commitment to partner with all member states in this endeavor.

Thank you