



Statement by Pakistan at World Health Assembly (75th Session),

***“Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer”
(Supplementary agenda item) on 22-28 May 2022***

Mr. Chairman,

Pakistan endorses the statement delivered by China on the issue of Taiwan’s participation in the World Health Assembly as an observer. We reaffirm our full support to the “One-China” principle as well as China’s efforts to safeguard its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

It remains an indisputable fact that there is only one China and Taiwan is its integral part. The UN General Assembly (Resolution 2758) and World Health Assembly Resolutions (Resolution 25.1) provide a solid legal foundation for the World Health Organization, to handle this issue under the One-China principle.

Mr. Chairman,

Divisive moves such as this agenda item not only undermine the work of this important forum but also violate the key principles of Charter of the United Nations.

Mr. Chairman,

This Health Assembly should invest its energies to address the full range of global public health challenges such as those posed by to the COVID-19 pandemic, proliferation of diseases due to environmental degradation and climate change. This WHA should focus on enhancing multilateral cooperation in responding to these challenges and improve global health governance, rather than rehashing those that are already resolved.

I thank you.