



OIC Group Statement during 155th session the WHO Executive Board (EB155)

6.3: Engagement with Non-State Actors *3-4 June 2024*

Thank you, Chair,

Pakistan is delivering this statement on behalf of the OIC Group.

The Group recognizes the important work done by the Non-State Actors in advancement of public health goals and in assisting governments and international organizations to carry out these goals.

We, however, wish to underscore that such work should be in line with national contexts and priorities, as well as national laws.

When such work is carried out in support of a UN Specialized Agency, there it must conform with intergovernmentally agreed consensus.

Work of any entity that is legally untenable and operationally controversial cannot enjoy broad-based support and can thus be ineffective.

WHO's work should both be scientific and evidence-based and be tailored to specific contexts. Work of any NSA flowing from a contentious mandate, and which is incompatible with member states' domestic laws and cultures will have financial, legal, and political problems.

We believe it of utmost importance to maintain WHO's credibility and reputation. Thus, any step that could bring into question these important elements should be avoided.

We urge the Executive Board and WHO to bear these realities in mind before considering mandate for any Non-State Actor.

Unfortunately, the draft decision under consideration involves a Non-State Actor whose future work is expected to conflict with legal and cultural aspects of several member states.

We look forward to working with all delegations to promote “Health for All” in a manner that is also agreed by all.

Thank you.