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National Statement at the Ninth Meeting of Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a pandemic treaty (INB9) 29 April 2024

Thank you, respected Co-Chairs

Pakistan aligns itself with the statement delivered by Bangladesh on behalf of the Group for Equity.

We thank the Bureau for its efforts in producing the current draft text, which has endeavored to take diverging views on board in a comprehensive way.

We reiterate our position that we cannot take on additional legally binding obligations for surveillance and prevention without meaningful additional measures of support and cooperation, since these are very resource intensive activities.

Currently, our actions are predicated on the anticipated development of mechanisms for technology transfer and operationalization of financing mechanism, which only time can tell that how much of it can be fulfilled.

We also support addition of measures of traceability and transparency for users of the PABS system.

We believe that CBDR-RC is not only an important principle for an Equity based Pandemic Instrument, but also needs to be adequately operationalized in the text.

A meaningful negotiation can only take place when all critical demands and measures are on table.

For this, we will remain positively engaged with all colleagues to find consensus.

Co-Chair,

We remain committed to delivering a meaningful and operational Pandemic Instrument by May 2024 and support the bureau in guiding us through this last phase of our negotiations.

I thank you