



**Remarks by the Permanent Representative during General
Discussion at the 77th World Health Assembly (WHA77)**

“All for Health, Health for All”

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**Mr. President,
Director General - WHO,
Honourable Ministers,
Excellences,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Assalam-o-Alaikum & Good Afternoon**

I begin by extending our deepest condolences to the families of health workers, WHO staff, and others who have lost their lives due to the continued bombardment of health facilities in Gaza.

The goal of "All for Health, Health for All" cannot be realized while populations and health facilities remain under attack.

Mr. President,

We recognize and appreciate the World Health Organization and Dr. Tedros for his leadership in advancing health for all.

I reaffirm Pakistan's commitment to the WHO's global health agenda in our collective pursuit of Universal Health Coverage. We are dedicated to

ensuring that everyone in Pakistan has equitable access to quality healthcare services.

It is crucial for us to **update the global health architecture** based on principles of equity, solidarity, and cooperation. Accordingly, Pakistan has actively and constructively engaged in negotiating and drafting a WHO Pandemic Agreement and targeted amendments to the International Health Regulations. We are dedicated to continuing our efforts until these processes are successfully completed.

Mr. President,

Nationally, Pakistan has significantly strengthened its health system in recent years, overcoming numerous challenges.

Our persistent efforts have led to a substantial reduction in preventable maternal and child mortality, improved immunization coverage, and curbed the spread of infectious diseases.

Polio eradication remains our top priority, and we are confident that we will achieve this goal through immunization campaigns and robust community engagement, supported by WHO and our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Pakistan is at the forefront of facing the **adverse effects of climate change**, which makes us particularly vulnerable to vector-borne diseases and malnutrition. Thus, we call for enhanced global cooperation to address the health impacts of climate change.

Additionally, Pakistan is committed to the **Global Health Security agenda**, which is a priority in our national health vision. In this regard, our country underwent its second Joint External Evaluation in 2023 and has developed its National Action Plan for Health Security for 2024-2028.

Today, we are investing in **primary healthcare** more than ever before. We are working to strengthen primary healthcare services through digital health solutions and community health programs, aiming to improve healthcare delivery by building the capacity of our workforce.

In closing, I reiterate Pakistan's commitment to health for all and call for renewed global solidarity and cooperation in addressing health challenges.

Thank you.
