



Statement by Pakistan at the 77th World Health Assembly

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“13.3 and 13.4: Adoption of IHR and INB Extension”

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Mr. President,

We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for the significant contributions made by the bureaus of WGIHR and INB, as well as for the Secretariat for lending their full support.

We welcome the package of amendments being adopted today which aims to update the International Health Regulations (IHR) with principles of Equity, Solidarity, and Cooperation.

We believe these amendments will not only enhance the effectiveness of the IHR but also address the evolving needs of global public health.

Provisions such as access to relevant health products and a coordinated financing mechanism will significantly aid developing countries in fulfilling their obligations more effectively.

Regarding the INB, while we endeavoured to reach an Agreement during this Assembly, we remain hopeful.

We wish to reaffirm our commitment to achieving an Equity-based Agreement within the new timeline, which will address the many predictable gaps that the IHR alone cannot cover.

Thank you