

**REQUEST BY NON-STATE ACTORS TO SUBMIT A STATEMENT AT THE HYBRID
SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SECOND REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA**

Name and acronym of non-State actor (in English, French or Portuguese):

The Task Force for Global Health (TFGH)

X Written statement

Name of person delivering the statement

The Task Force for Global Health

Modality of participation: N/A (written statement)

Agenda item (number, title): 12. INB Outcome

Sent The Task Force for Global Health thanks Member States for their dedication to resolving one of the major challenges of this decade: the negotiation of a global pandemic preparedness treaty that will meet our shared goals of equity, accountability and solidarity.

We encourage Member States to adopt, as a pillar of the negotiations, the principle that citizen access to national public health capacity and services is a measurable indicator of equity. In addition to ready access to vaccines, countermeasures and PPE, every country should have a strong ministry of health and a national public health institute, with full capacity in the Essential Public Health Functions, including a trained field epidemiology workforce that detects and prevents all diseases.

We strongly support the view of many Member States that pandemic preparedness does not occur in a vacuum. Ensuring strong and comprehensive systems to prepare, detect and respond to health emergencies should be done in a systematic and integrated manner, to strengthen the entire system, while addressing longstanding needs including Neglected Tropical Diseases and Vaccine-preventable diseases.

Lastly, we encourage Member States to consider how existing platforms and networks, including those for adult influenza vaccination – can be built upon to ensure the cost-effective, robust and responsive systems needed to ensure sustainable national capacity. Preparedness should not be siloed but instead should be one objective of a robust and integrated system, with a workforce that can address all the complex challenges we face.

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