



158th Executive Board

Individual Statement:

Agenda Item 29.1. Reform of the global health architecture and the UN80 Initiative

Declines in ODA and geopolitical strain are placing pressure on the global health architecture. Multiple reform initiatives are taking place across a range of actors and forums, and without stronger alignment, this fragmentation risks undermining coherence and effective engagement for Member States and partners.

We recognise WHO's role in directing and coordinating authority on international health, and stress that reform must go beyond efficiency measures to foster greater equity, accountability, and impact. We urge Member States to support WHO in hosting a joint process with a clear scope, transparency, defined outputs, regular reporting, and sustained civil society participation.

However, NCDs must be fully integrated into GHA reform discussions, as they account for a major share of the global burden of disease and lack dedicated global institutions and financing mechanisms, making them particularly vulnerable to being sidelined.

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