



## 156th Executive Board Constituency Statement:

### Agenda Item 24.2. Involvement of non-State actors in WHO's governing bodies

Distinguished delegates,

We welcome WHO's continued efforts to enhance the participation of non-State actors (NSAs) in governing bodies through meaningful engagement, such as constituency statements. However, we also believe that more can be done to address the ongoing challenges highlighted in the Director-General's report.

One key concern that remains is the oversubscription of certain agenda items. This dilutes the messages of different parties due to the limited number of constituency statements that are allowed. To address this, **we call for greater flexibility, such as the ability to submit additional constituency statements when items are oversubscribed.**

Moreover, to further enhance the process for constituency statements, we ask that relevant information to be shared at least two months prior to governing body meetings, while maintaining the option for also doing individual statements to allow for more nuanced and representative expression of diverse views and input.

**We call for better interactions between NSAs and Member States throughout the year. We ask you to consider the following propositions:** calling on WHO to establish a mechanism to give the option for Member States to consult NSAs during resolution preparation processes, as we have recently seen with the past resolutions on rehabilitation and social participation; organizing pre-meetings for NSAs ahead of the Executive Board sessions as with the World Health Assembly; and inviting NSAs to information-only sessions organized for Member States. This would ensure a more transparent and inclusive engagement of NSAs.

**We ask that information-sharing and logistical arrangements for NSA participation in governing body meetings continue to be improved.** This includes providing comprehensive pre-meeting materials, ensuring space for NSAs in main meeting rooms, and allowing video statements to overcome barriers faced by those dealing with logistical, health, or financial constraints.

Overall, we want to ensure NSAs can engage in WHO processes in a transparent, flexible and inclusive manner, allowing for their full representation in global health governance.

Thank you.

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