



## Examples of General Discussion Speeches

During the General Discussion you will deliver a short statement on the conference paper and WHO third global infodemic management conference report. You can find recent speeches delivered by different Member States on a wide variety of agenda items on the WHA website: <https://apps.who.int/gb/statements/WHA75/>

Here are examples of the type of content included in real speeches during the General Discussion that you could consider including:

- **Remarks about the DG report**, for example,

*"Malaysia wishes to thank the Director-General and WHO Secretariat for the Report on the Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005). We take note of the extensive report which detailed the processes including the Emergency Committee and we understand that this is based on information provided by the Member States. In the wake of this pandemic, we all witnessed the gaps in the IHR where there can be room for improvement in managing future pandemics and global threats especially in terms of equity."*

- b) Comments highlighting something important from the resolution that was just negotiated**, for example,

*"We believe that the awareness brought by the pandemic, the gaps felt on the implementation of the IHR and the crucial role of solidarity between countries to keep the world safe, makes this the perfect moment to establish a peer-review mechanism on the global core capacities and essential public health functions."*

- c) Comments highlighting what the Member State is doing to help achieve progress on the agenda item under consideration**, for example,

*"Portugal has been one of the first countries to support the idea of establishing the UHPR. It has been involved since the beginning and has helped shape the UHPR as it is currently proposed. Portugal is also closely working with the 20 MSs who have stepped forward to test this innovative way of cooperation. Just two weeks ago, Portugal joined the Central African Republic, Iraq and Thailand as the first countries to go through the National Evaluation included in the UHPR, and was the first in Europe to do it. We are certain many more will follow."*

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**e) Actions they would like to emphasise that WHO needs to take, for example,**

*"WHO must continue to make efforts for scaling up the production of vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical equipment through compulsory or voluntary licensing to help the pharmaceutical industries across the world to get licenses, technologies and technical know-how to produce these items. We tend to agree with the recommendations of the review panel that opines that the intellectual property rights do not and should not prevent Member States from taking measures to protect public health."*

