



**Statement by Pakistan at WHO Executive Board (150th Session),
“The global health sector strategies on, respectively, HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually
transmitted infections” on 27 January 2022**

Mr. Chair,

We align ourselves with the Eastern Mediterranean Regional statement. I wish to express my country’s serious concerns and reservations on the language with respect to sexual orientation and gender identity, in document EB150/8 and EB 150/ Add 1 on global health strategies on HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections 2022-2030.

We wish to note that these concepts remain controversial; these are not universally agreed; nor are they grounded in any internationally agreed normative framework. Inserting such non-consensual elements in the documents will contravenes the consensus practice at WHO.

Mr. Chair,

We therefore call on WHO Secretariat to refrain from using divisive language and according preference to certain interpretations, and instead use consensual language in the document.

I thank you.