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Pakistan strongly supports the statement delivered by the Chinese delegation on the issue of Taiwan. Pakistan believes in one China principle i.e. there is only one China and Taiwan is its integral part. Pakistan fully supports China's efforts to safeguard its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The general committee, year after year, has reiterated that China is the sovereign Member State of the United Nations and Taiwan being its integral part has no right whatsoever to claim the membership of World Health Organization (WHO).

We therefore condemn divisive efforts to introduce issues in this important forum which are counter-productive to the work of this organization and violate the Charter of the United Nations. We therefore oppose self-serving attempts to undermine China's sovereignty by interfering in its domestic affairs. These politically motivated efforts cannot be allowed to undermine the vital work of technical body like the WHO.

The world is facing unprecedented threats such as antimicrobial resistance, proliferation of diseases due to environmental degradation and climate change, inflicting great suffering on the people of the planet. These challenges oblige us to come together for evolving global solutions, instead of wasting time and precious resources for petty politics. We therefore urge all members to stay focused on the health agenda in pursuance of the mandate of the WHO.

I thank you.