

### **Item 22.1 WHO Reform**

GHC supported by PATH & GHTC, welcomes the opportunity to comment on report EB146/33 & the opportunities to enhance the quality of non-state actor engagement in WHO governance. GHC appreciates our official relations status & ability to participate in EB, WHA, & other Member State forums. We see great value in how civil society contributes to important global, regional & national policy dialogues, given our extensive experience & collective expertise across issues & settings.

We agree in principle & support the effort to enhance civil engagement at these forums & appreciate the intention of the proposed reforms as we have also identified the challenges.

GHC consistently delivers statements that reflect the views of many if not all of our nearly 90 member organizations. Our interventions represent a cluster of nonprofits & community-based actors, including program implementers, researchers & other expert stakeholders. We believe this already demonstrates a broad constituency as recommended by the current proposal & also justifies our current level of engagement at governance meetings.

In addition, GHC hosts a robust delegation of our civil society members for WHO governing body meetings. We have deliberately encouraged our members to include representatives from low & middle-income countries as well as youth, to ensure a diverse group of GHC-affiliated attendees. We fear that recommendations seeking to artificially limit the size of delegations from non-state actors would jeopardize broader goals of inclusive, diverse perspectives that we all seek in a forum such as WHA.

Understanding the twin goals of meaningful inclusion of non-state actors' inputs & streamlining agendas for the governing bodies, we urge that the former not be neglected in pursuit of the latter. Regarding the proposal of an informal consultation for non-State actors, we urge that, if this option is pursued, it be a real opportunity for input that is reflected in governing bodies' debates.