

**THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING of the PROGRAMME, BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**  
**of the WHO EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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**National Statement**



**Agenda:3.7 Prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment**

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**Thank you, Chair / Moderator,**

**India appreciates** the Director General’s initiatives to build capacity to introduce effective prevention of and response to sexual exploitation and abuse and harassment.

2. Taking note of the ‘*A UNIFIED FRAMEWORK FOR WORK ON PREVENTION OF AND RESPONSE TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE AND HARRASSMENT*’, **India states that it concurs** with the Report to have zero tolerance for, and for inaction against, sexual exploitation and abuse and harassment.

3. **India takes note of the WHO’s efforts** to implement **Management Response Plan**, to provide adequate medical, psychological, legal, socioeconomic and reintegration needs of victims and survivors and to examine the needs of children born as a result of sexual exploitation and abuse.

4. **India welcomes** the initiative of the Secretariat of **developing an agency-specific tool for risk assessment of sexual exploitation and abuse**, which it will **pilot in several priority countries in 2022**. In this regard, we would like to understand the parameters on which these ‘priority countries’ have been identified.

5. Lastly, I would **reiterate India’s commitment** to take concrete measures to learn from and align efforts on prevention of and response to sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment.

**Thank you.**