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Dear PIP-Framework Secretariat,

For this Assembly, we had prepared a statement for TOP 14.2: "Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits".

However, due to the time pressure, parallel proceedings at the Assembly and the fact that the chair had explicitly asked delegations to refrain from holding further statements that repeated positions that other delegations had already expressed, we were unable to deliver the statement below.

Since Germany remains strongly committed to the PIP-Framework, we thought it would be of merit to share our draft statement with the Secretariat.:

„Germany welcomes the work of the PIP-Secretariat and the initiated review process. We agree, that the handling of genetic sequence data for influenza viruses with pandemic potential and benefiting from doing so are crucial issues. The technological development, allowing genetic sequence data being used to manufacture vaccines and other influenza-related products, underlines the need to address regulatory and intellectual property issues, including benefit sharing, but also monitoring and tracing methods, and biosecurity and biosafety issues.

German will continue its support for the Pip-Framework. In particular we will continue to host GISAID as an important and forward looking tool for sharing of genetic sequence data in the Spirit of PIP Framework, ensuring fair, timely and transparent access to GSD in a sustainable way."

Best,

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