

by the delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt

before the 1st Session of the Executive Board 2023 on Agenda item 6.

First of all, we would like to apologize for the technical issues that prevent my PR from taking the floor online. And on his behalf, I would like to welcome the interest shown by a number of member states regarding the date and the theme of WUF 12, and would like to reiterate what was explained by the secretariat that the government of Egypt is currently in consultations with the Secretariat on finalizing the Special Arrangements Agreement.

We have taken steps forward in term of choosing the venue of the event, // and we are working on finalizing the agreement, in consultation with the Secrtariat and all 24 Government agencies involved. As the ED explained, the date and theme of WUF11 were announced less than three months before it was held. Egypt will make sure that this is not repeated, and that Member States are informed about WUF12 at least one year in advance. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Member States for their support and continuous cooperation.