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NATIONAL STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 12.1: STRENGTHENING THE GLOBAL ARCHITECTURE FOR HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND RESILIENCE

Thank you Chair

Kenya aligns with the statement delivered by Ethiopia on behalf of the African Member States.

We take note of the Secretariat proposals for strengthening the global architecture for health emergency, preparedness and resilience and welcome another opportunity for Member States to share their perspectives on these proposals.

With regards to the first question, Kenya notes that some of the proposals are subject to discussion by Member States in the ongoing parallel intergovernmental processes of the INB and IHR amendments.

We therefore encourage the Secretariat to contribute to these discussions and await their outcome before institutionalising proposals such as the proposed Global threats council, new or continuation of Countermeasures mechanisms, UHPR and the most suitable financing mechanism that would promote inclusivity and equity.

In response to the second guiding question, Kenya reiterates support for the prioritisation and full implementation of the triple billion targets to achieve measurable impacts on people's health at the country level.

COVID-19 has demonstrated the importance of building resilience in the entire health system so as to be better able to deliver Universal Health Coverage and promote health and wellbeing. Only then will countries be well suited to prevent, detect and respond to health emergencies, when they do arise.

I thank you