



## REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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#### NATIONAL STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 5: UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

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Thank you Madam Chair

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

Kenya remains committed to delivering quality Universal Health Coverage for all Kenyans. Under the leadership of His Excellency President William Ruto, the Ministry of Health is undertaking several strategic and focused reforms that will boost health service delivery in an equitable manner.

These include:

- The Ministry is already working on closer collaboration with the County governments to incentivise nearly 90,000 community health workers already identified and serving in our primary healthcare networks nationwide.
- The Ministry of Health has prioritized local manufacturing of quality health products and technologies. This includes pharmaceuticals, vaccines and other bio-medicals, which will ensure sufficiency of essential medicines and health products for all our healthcare facilities.
- Healthcare financing in Kenya is facing challenges as a result of dwindling donor support and competing economic priorities. To address this, Kenya is revamping its healthcare financing, to make it more transparent, accountable, efficient and responsive to the needs of Kenyans.
- Further, the Ministry of Health is undertaking reforms at the National Health Insurance Fund that will enable it prioritize pay

for services at the primary health care networks in order to encourage access to care at community level.

- In working towards robust, transparent, and efficient systems, Kenya is in the process of building an efficient integrated Digital Health Platform that will bring together the service providers, logistic managers, regulators and the custodians of the health sector to enable us to meet the needs and demands of the population. The Ministry has also finalized on the E-health bill which is in parliament for enactment as legislation.

Kenya thanks the Secretariat for proposing strategic priorities which largely take into consideration the different contexts of member states along the UHC continuum.

In terms of priorities, Kenya would recommend increased support to be provided to countries in designing health financing models that will deliver UHC in an equitable and sustainable manner. Of principle importance is the alignment of available financing to national priorities and plans.

WHO should therefore provide contextualised support for countries in economic and epidemiologic transition, to ensure that no one is left behind and that budget prioritisation is based on use of the best available data

In addition, we recommend greater support for promotion of regional and local manufacture and procurement of quality health products and technologies. This will ensure greater commodity security and resilience.

With regards alignment between the WHA and the UNGA high level meetings, Kenya recommends that WHO Member States include these proposals in the outcome documents to be negotiated for each of the High-level meetings.

In conclusion, Kenya confirms support for adoption of all the resolutions proposed under this agenda item.