



**STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA ON AGENDA ITEM 11.5:  
PREPARATION FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE**

Thank you Chairperson, Zambia aligns itself with the statement made by Zimbabwe on this agenda item.

We appreciate the work of the secretariat in producing the comprehensive report on this agenda item.

Chairperson, our Region bears the largest share of populations that lack access to essential health services, as well as consequences of out-of-pocket payments.

For Zambia, Universal Health Coverage is a smart economic investment with the potential to transform our economy. We therefore applaud the Secretariat and Member States for ensuring that the UHC agenda reaches the highest platform for advocacy.

The overall theme is a reminder that unless countries move together, our world will remain unsafe as disease has no borders.

As we note the report, we support the proposal for an accountability framework to serve as a reminder of the progress in this regard.

I thank you