Chairperson,

The Republic of Zambia supports the statement on agenda item No 11.6 on Health, Environment and Climate made by Algeria. We are glad to make a statement in support of the resolution made during the 71\textsuperscript{st} World Health Assembly.

Zambia recognises the negative impact of climate change on the attainment of SDGs. The challenges posed by climate change may reverse the gains in health and exacerbate migration and its associated cost and health implications. In the recent past, Zambia has experienced droughts, floods and extreme heat. Excess rainfall and floods, particularly in flood-prone areas has increased the risk of water contamination thereby making the country susceptible to water borne diseases.

It is for this reason that the Country in its 7\textsuperscript{th} National Development Plan has prioritized adaptation and mitigation strategies to climate change.

Zambia has further developed robust interventions to address the challenges related to climate change such as developing the Health National Adaptation Plan to strengthen health systems through various action plans that address climate variability and change. We have further strengthened governance structures by promoting the healthy cities concept through the development of partnerships and mechanisms to enhance policies for sustainable development.

The Government of Zambia thus wishes to request for support to implement the climate resilient programmes which require investments.

Thank you Chair