STATEMENT BY ZAMBIA ON AGENDA 11.8: FOLLOW-UP TO THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES - ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

Thank you Chairperson for this opportunity. Zambia aligns itself with the statement by Uganda on behalf of the Africa Region.

Antimicrobial resistance remains one of the major threats to global health, with countries with the largest share of the disease burden facing the greatest threat of AMR.

Unfortunately, the on-going challenges outlined in the report remain the greatest hindrance to the full implementation of measures proposed to address AMR.

Zambia, for example, adopted the WHO, FAO, & OIE tripartite agreement of 2013 and consequently developed a ten-year Multi Sectorial National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance in 2017. However, despite efforts at implementation, a number of activities of the NAP are yet to be implemented due to lack of resources.

While Zambia supports the adoption of the draft resolution as recommended by the Executive Board in resolution EB144.R11, we call for concerted efforts in addressing AMR, and wish to take this opportunity to appeal for support to towards the implementation of the NAP.

I thank you.