



The Republic of Zambia

## **STATEMENT BY ZAMBIA ON AGENDA ITEM 12.5: PATIENT SAFETY - GLOBAL ACTION ON PATIENT SAFETY**

**Chairperson,** The Republic of Zambia is honored to make a statement on the Global Action on Patient Safety and aligns itself with the statement made by Tanzania.

Zambia commends Member States for reaching a consensus that the health and wellbeing of populations is most effectively, equitably and efficiently achieved through the primary health care approach, making it a cornerstone of a sustainable health system for UHC and health-related SDGs.

We recognise the importance of access to adequate health services that is of acceptable quality in the UHC agenda, and as such we are committed to providing equity of access to cost-effective health care as close to the family as possible.

The country recently established a National Health Insurance scheme as one of the health financing strategies to cover all Zambians regardless of their social, economic or employment status and thereby protecting households from the burden of catastrophic health costs. The Ministry of Health has also employed models across the continuum of care, coordinated by the recently established Department of **“Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement”**.

Zambia will continue to place primary health care at the centre of efforts to achieving **“healthy lives and well-being for all at all ages”**, and will continue **putting emphasis** on promotion and prevention, addressing determinants of health and addressing the main causes and risk factors for poor health as well as for handling the emerging challenges that may threaten healthcare in the future through the Health in All Policy strategy.

Chairperson, we support the adoption of the draft resolution and look forward to the continued support of the Secretariat as we strive to provide quality healthcare to our people.

Thank you Chair