



The Republic of Zambia

STATEMENT BY ZAMBIA ON AGENDA ITEM 12.8 ELEVENTH REVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES

Chairperson, Republic of Zambia is honored to make a statement on this agenda item and aligns itself with the Regional statement made by Eswatini.

We recognize the report by the Director General and commend secretariat for vast amount of work at WHO headquarters and around the world that went into designing the development process for ICD11. The Successful implementation of ICD 11 is in line with our Country's aspiration for increased data quality and accuracy, as described in the National Health Strategic Plan.

Zambia welcomes the addition of the five new chapters especially on traditional medicine conditions as this has been difficult to categorize and report especially in our Region. We also welcome the possibility of reporting on antimicrobial resistance which will enhance patient outcomes, and, the updated classification of HIV to be in line with achieving epidemic control.

As our country moves to implementation of the primary health care approach, Zambia commends member states on developing unconventional methods at the community level to fill information gaps and strengthen information systems. Secretariat can draw lessons from such Member States' experiences in developing and applying community-based health information methods covering health problems, related risk factors, needs and resources. However, we commend secretariat for expanding ICD-11 to include several broader categories for reporting health conditions and reasons for encounters with the health system in primary care settings.

Zambia is committed to ensuring comprehensive in-country stakeholder engagement and putting in place strong Leadership and Governance for successful ICD11 implementation and thus supports the adoption of the resolution recommended by the Executive Board.

I thank you