STATEMENT BY ZAMBIA ON AGENDA ITEM 12.9 ON EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA CARE

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

Zambia has continued to develop the continuum of care for emergencies initially guided by the Pillar 5 of the 2010 UN General Assembly resolution 64/255 of March 2010. We will further strengthen policies to ensure sustainable funding, effective governance and universal access to emergency care for all.

Our Country welcomes the WHO emergency care system assessment to identify gaps and priorities for context-relevant actions and commits to conduct this assessment periodically; we also commit to review essential processes and clinical protocols as identified in the WHO Emergency Care Systems Framework;

Our country appeals to the secretariat to support strengthening of mechanisms for standardized data collection in order to characterize the local burden of acute disease and identify high-yield mechanisms for improving quality of care.

Furthermore, we also appeal to secretariat will through the Secretariat to make resources for training available, as well as standards for essential emergency care services and strive for quality improvement. In addition, participation in Regional and International meetings to enhance sharing of best practices and experiences will not be overemphasized.

I thank you