



The Republic of Zambia

## **STATEMENT BY ZAMBIA ON AGENDA ITEM 15.1 OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL SITUATION: PROGRAMME BUDGET 2018-2019**

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

Zambia notes that the level of the current base budget financing of the overall budget is high and although voluntary contributions are in the pipeline, financing of the base program budget remains uneven and projected contributions will not even the situation. We also note that all major offices except the Americas had 80% of their approved base budget financed.

We however still seek clarity from secretariat on the reasons the programme budget 2018-2019 implementation has been slower than expected at this time in the biennium. We understand that measures to address this are being discussed by Senior Management, however it would be prudent that these are highlighted for member states to be able to support the country offices adequately.

Despite the growing burden of non-communicable diseases and the increase in the number of premature deaths attributable to NCDs, as well as WHO Health Emergencies, they continue to be categories least funded even when all projections have materialized. We hope that this will be addressed in the base budget financing for 2019-2020. There is need for more flexibility from voluntary contributions which are usually earmarked for purposes within the programme.

Thus Zambia welcomes the new resource mobilization and partnership strategy to improve the availability of funding, increase funding potential at country level and strengthen resource coordination. We hope that this will help in mobilizing funds required for the 13<sup>th</sup> General Programme of work.

I thank you