1. **Chairperson**, Tanzania aligns itself with the statement made by Burkina Faso.

2. We want to make few remarks on the Draft Global Strategy for Tuberculosis Research and Innovation (Document EB 146/11).

3. We welcome the draft strategy with the proposed activities and suggestions on how evaluation and monitoring can be done.

4. We want to underscore the importance of having adequate finance investment for research and innovation as such we are requesting the WHO to advocate for increasing financial investments to close the USD 1.2 billion funding gap needed globally for new vaccines, new medicines and point of care diagnostics.

5. We also request WHO to assist member states to address equity issues by promoting equitable access to new innovations through addressing high prices of essential medicines and technologies.

6. We concur with the strategy and are therefore propose endorsing it.

7. I thank you