Agenda item 13
Neglected Tropical Diseases, Agenda 146/14
Report by the Director General

1. **Chairperson**, Tanzania aligns its statement with the statement made by Burkina Faso, and commend the DG for an excellent report.

2. Chairperson, It is estimated that 40% of impacted people live in the Africa region, with SSA, including Tanzania. We are thus keen to see important gains are sustained and unfinished targets are addressed post the current Road Map, which ends in 2020.

3. Lessons learnt from implementing the current Road Map show that for some diseases, there is a need for new interventions; new or innovative diagnostic methods and tools to ensure we reach control and elimination targets. Moreover, there is also a need to address interventions in a ‘One Health’ approach.

4. For this to happen, there is need for a new strategic direction between 2021-2030. We thus need a new road map, which will also align with SDG 2030 targets.

5. Furthermore, in order to raise the profile of NTD’s we believe it will be important to have a world NTD day.

6. We therefore urge for the endorsement of the decision point in document EB146/CONF./6, and its submission to the upcoming 73rd WHA.

7. We also thank all the Member States who have supported the decision we have proposed.

8. I thank you.