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1. **Chairperson**, Tanzania aligns its statement with the statement delivered by Gabon.

2. We commend the Secretariat for summarizing cholera prevention and control initiatives following the resolution which we adopted in WHA71. We are more than thrilled to see the commitments made have produced positive results.

3. The good progress in terms of global and regional reduction of cholera cases, is also attested by the successes in Tanzania. Whereas in 2018 where we had 4,882 cumulative cases, and 91 deaths, in 2019, the cases were reduced to 1,904 cases, and deaths to 49. Importantly, we have had no cholera case since July 2019.

4. We thus express our appreciation to the work of all stakeholders actively involved in Cholera control initiatives, led by the WHO-Global Task on Cholera Control (GTCC) and more specifically the support given for countries to develop Cholera Control and Elimination Plans. Tanzania has in place the National **Multisectoral** Cholera Plan for Control and Prevention in Tanzania Mainland (2019-2023), and launched the Cholera Elimination Plan in Zanzibar.

5. **Chairperson**, few lessons learnt during our response are worth sharing;
   
   a. Even with a good framework and a robust surveillance system, National Multisectoral Cholera Plans have to be in place to ensure concrete concerted efforts for cholera prevention and control.
   b. Communities need to be engaged, both in early detection, and also in initial management of cases at home
   c. Early diagnosis and reporting at primary care facilities is important, and presence of rapid diagnostic tests may be useful.

6. I thank you