1. **Chairperson**, Tanzania is honoured to take the floor on behalf of the 47 member states of the Africa Region on the agenda item.

2. We commend the Evaluation Office for the work done and we see the value of this office within the Organization. Evaluation forms the basis not only for assessing value for money of an endeavour, but also gives us lessons needed for future directions.

3. We take note of the key evaluation activities undertaken by the Office, which include the NTD Roadmap, from which the evaluation findings will further input on the ongoing discussion regarding extension of the roadmap. Furthermore, we appreciate the evaluation on the Global strategy and action on Ageing and Health, and look forward for its report. This is crucial given the uneven implementation of the strategy in the region.

4. We commend the Evaluation Office for the summarized reports of the Evaluations done on initial implementation of FENSA and the 40 years of country implementation of PHC after the Alma Ata Declaration, which have indeed given us important recommendations for the future.

5. We applaud the Evaluation Office for its involvement in co-managing evaluations with other UN agencies, as well as extending support in evaluation to other Agencies.

6. We welcome the fact that the process has now been decentralized and that evaluations will be done by Regional and Country offices, while the Central office will only provide an oversight on the evaluation process. This aligns well with the spirit of the GPW 13, and the WHO transformation agenda.

7. On the proposed evaluation areas for 2020-2021, we recommend that the proposed evaluation of the HIV/AIDS framework for action in the Africa
region be expanded to also include targets and interventions of the African Union.
8. We further request in countries where evaluations are going to occur, key informant interviews to also include Hon. Ministers responsible for Health, apart from the technical teams, so that they are also part of the process.

9. Thank you