Membership of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee
Report by the Director General

1. Chairperson, Tanzania is honoured to take the floor on behalf of the 47 member states of the Africa Region on the agenda item 146/42, and Add. 1, Membership of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee

2. We want to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the outgoing members i.e Dr Jeya Wilson and Mr Leonardo P. Gomes Pereira, who have indeed contributed tremendously to the achievement of the work done by the IEOAC. We have witnessed during their tenure, how their recommendations led to improved operations of the WHO. We hope that they will continue to support WHO if they are reached.

3. Chairperson, we note with appreciation the stringent process undergone in identifying the two candidates who are to join the Committee replacing the ones whose tenure ends in April 2020. The applicants were many, which shows that many individuals value the work of WHO and would want to be associated with the organization.

4. We would also wish to applaud the WHO Secretariat for adhering to the imperative of gender balance.

5. We take note of the report in the addendum of the Agenda item EB. 146/42 and propose endorsement of the appointment of the two new members (Ms Vanessa Huang (Malaysia) and Mr Bert Keupenns (Belgium)) for a four-year non-renewable term beginning 1st May 2020..

6. I thank you.