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Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion
Revised draft Statutes of the Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion

1. Chairperson, Tanzania is pleased and honoured to take the floor on behalf of the 47 member states of the Africa Region on the agenda item 146/45 “Revised draft Statutes of the Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion”.

2. First of all, the Region is pleased that the Former President Nelson Mandela, one of the greatest sons and icons of Africa, is being given due recognition within the global health community, in honour of immense dedication to the service of humanity. We want to express our sincere appreciation to the Secretariat, for inclusion of this important award in the Africa region. Indeed, this is the right time to honour him, as we address inequalities, an issue that has been his passion, in line with our current efforts to implement the Agenda for 2030 SDG’s.

3. The Region anticipates that the awardee(s) will be true role models as they implement their activities carrying on Nelson Mandela’s legacy. In other words, we hope and expect the awardees to live up to what Mandela stood for, i.e giving one’s time to others, as he had said in one of the quotes “There can be no greater gift than that of giving one’s time and energy to helping others without expecting anything in return.”
4. We take note of the revised draft statutes which now conform with the selection criteria for other WHO awards; and the fact now a clear description of the selection process has been articulated.

5. The Africa region hence supports the approval by the Board of the revised draft statutes of the Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion that are annexed to the EB document 146/45.

6. I thank you.